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"I AM GOING TO DIE" SAYS JOFFRE.

Aged Marshal Shows
Signs of Strength.

ABLE TO SPEAK.

Paris, Yesterday.
"I am going," said Marshal Joffre to the one-armed Military Governor of Paris, General Gouraud, when the latter visited his bedside to-day. Gouraud said: "Marshal, do you remember Timbuctoo? (Joffre was one of the leaders of the march on Timbuctoo in 1893). I was by your side."

The Marshal signalled his recollection, and then murmured very softly, "I am going."

The doctors declare that they never had such a patient as this wonderful old man of seventy-one who, after five hours' unconsciousness last night woke up and asked for food and greedily gulped a glass of milk held out to him. When he had finished he said calmly and quietly, "I am going to die."

Marshal Joffre this morning was able to drink another glass of milk, raising the glass with his own hands.—Reuter.

Improvement Marked.

Paris, later.

Marshal Joffre improvement to-night was more marked.—Reuter.

Condition Grave.

Paris, Yesterday.

Contrary to all expectation, Marshal Joffre was still alive this morning. Indeed, he has recovered consciousness, and is able to eat and to speak a few words; but a bulletin at eight this morning says his lungs are becoming blocked and his breathing remains irregular. The prognosis is still grave.

The doctors state that Marshal Joffre's heart is exceptionally strong, and his wonderful vitality makes the case almost unique.

M. Barthou, who has been a constant visitor to his old friend Joffre, said on leaving the bedside this morning that the doctors told him the Marshal's condition is hopeless, but he may fight death for several days.

His extraordinary resistance astonishes everybody. Though he ate and spoke a little, Joffre is only semi-conscious, and is unable to recognise visitors.—Reuter.

HEALTH INSURANCE

CASH RESERVES NEARLY
"DOUBLED."

WORKERS RESPOND.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In spite of industrial depression, the great voluntary friendly societies have made progress, both numerically and financially, during the current year 1930.

When the National Health Insurance was brought into existence, it was generally believed that the friendly societies would suffer, instead of which they are to-day much stronger in membership and have nearly doubled their cash reserves in the few years they have had to meet competition by the State. This is largely due to the fact that the societies, by careful husbanding of resources, are able to offer bigger benefits to insured members.

There are now above ten million workers making independent insurance against sickness and disablement, and their aggregate reserves are about £100,000,000. Their payments in sickness and funeral benefits, and to the benevolent fund, total about £7,000,000 during 1930.—British Wireless Service.

TSINGTAO CABLE.

AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH
JAPAN.

Nanking, Yesterday.
The formal signature of the Sino-Japanese agreement restoring to China the operation of the Tsingtao-Szechow cable was effected this morning.

The agreement will be submitted to the respective governments for ratification, after which the cable will be opened to traffic. The cable will be operated by the Sino-Japanese Cable Co., Ltd., a joint venture of the two countries.

COTTON WEAVERS TO GO ON STRIKE?

Another Labour Crisis
Probable.

OBJECTION TO SYSTEM.

London, Yesterday.

Another serious labour stoppage is probable on January 5, the date on which the Lancashire Master Cotton Weavers have announced the introduction of the "more looms per weaver" system. The Central Committee of Weavers' Amalgamation (operatives), at a meeting to-day, decided to withdraw labour from all mills where the system is introduced, and workers in other mills will cease work sympathetically.—Reuter.

SPANISH REBEL WANTS A JOB.

Major Franco Arrives
in Belgium.

POLICE INTERVIEW.

Brussels, Yesterday.

Major Franco, the Spanish rebel, arrived by steamer at Antwerp from Portugal to-day accompanied by his mechanic, Saca, with whom he flew to Portugal after the failure of the rebellion. Secret police interviewed the conspirators on board ship and warned them to refrain from political activities. Both have left for Brussels. Major Franco said that they only intended to stay in Brussels a short time, until they obtained an engagement as airmen to South America.—Reuter.

BOMB PLOT FOILED.

LONG JAIL TERMS FOR
ITALIAN "REDS".

CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Paris, Yesterday.

Two Italians named Lario and Zitter have been sentenced respectively to three years and 18 months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

[A cable of October 28 stated:—Two suspicious individuals were arrested early this morning near the Eiffel Tower. They are said to have admitted that they are Italian Communists, who had come to blow up the Fascist headquarters in Paris.

They were in possession of automatic pistols, ammunition and a bomb, contained in a large paper parcel.

An examination of the bomb showed that it was powerful enough to blow up a large building. It consisted of a "75" artillery shell, charged with melinite, enclosed in a petrol can.]

RUHR MINES CRISIS

OWNERS THREAT OF WHOLE-
SALE DISMISSAL.

Cologne, Yesterday.

Negotiation between owners and miners in the Ruhr coal industry over the question of wages have broken down. The owners threaten to post notices of dismissal for the whole coalfield on January 15. Government intervention is expected.—Reuter.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW
YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., announce the following arrangements for the New Year festivities:—

Peninsula Hotel, to-night, New Year's Eve Carnival Dinner Dance, 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dinner \$6 per person. After dinner dance \$2 per person.

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Repulse Bay Hotel, January 1, New Year's Day Special Tea Dance, 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ANCIENT RITES FOR LORD MELCHETT.

Buried According to
Old Jewish Custom.

VIOLET MARBLE TOMB.

London, Yesterday.

Several Government departments as well as Mr. Lloyd George, were represented at the funeral of Lord Melchett, which was carried out with Jewish rites in an improvised synagogue erected in the front of the family mausoleum, set amid tall pine trees. Here the coffin in which Lord Melchett's head rested on a piece of Palestine soil lay, while the Minister of the West London (Reform) Synagogue recited aged old Hebrew prayers. At the conclusion the coffin was placed on the tomb, which rests on a pedestal of violet marble.

Lord Henry Mond, the new Baron, recited the mourners' prayers and finally came to the ancient Kaddish, to which the mourners uttered responses. The Zionist executive received messages of sympathy from centres as distant as Colombia and China.

New Chairman.

London, Later.

The "Star" says that Sir Harry McGowan will succeed Lord Melchett in the chairmanship of the Imperial Chemical Industries.

Distinguished Mourners.

London, Yesterday.

Every department of public life was represented at the funeral of Lord Melchett, at St. Pancras cemetery, Finchley.

Leaders of industry, ex-Ministers and representatives of foreign powers, diplomats, Indian Princes and the organised workers of Britain, were among the great concourse at the graveside.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ARSON TRIAL.

When Was Insurance
Effectuated?

DATES IN QUESTION.

At the resumption of the trial at the Assizes this morning of three men on a charge of arson, the foreman of the Jury applied to the Chief Justice for permission to sit only in the morning.

Counsel on both sides concurring, His Lordship decided to rise at 1 p.m., resuming the hearing on Friday.

Yip See-ming was recalled, and cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin as to the date he first saw No. 1 prisoner in connection with insurance. He agreed that in evidence at the Magistrate's he had given the date as being in the seventh month, but said that his deposition mentioning July was mistaken. What he had meant to say, and which had possibly been misinterpreted, was the seventh Chinese moon, which corresponded with his statement yesterday as being between August 24 and September 21.

Mr. Jenkin: You now say August, which you will agree to bring your evidence as to negotiations with the prisoner much nearer to the date of the fire?—No. There was a misstatement in the other Court, apparently.

Importance of Dates.

Mr. Jenkin made a plea that dates in depositions should be either definitely Chinese or Gregorian. The point was a very important one, and he would like the crown to take up the matter.

His Lordship replied that occasional errors were unavoidable. "Even the Chinese themselves get confused about dates, at times," he added.

Evidence was next taken from a stevedore's coolie, who deposed to handing over 15 bales of palm leaves to a man who brought a chit signed by the Po Tai Company. That was early in the morning of October 13.

The carpenters who worked in the Wing Lok Street premises then gave formal evidence.

The case is proceeding.

A NEW YEAR CRISIS

S. WALES MINERS TO
GO ON STRIKE

TERMS REJECTED

OWNERS & MEN FAIL
TO AGREE.

London, Yesterday.

The South Wales miners' delegate at a conference this evening rejected the owners' terms, which will now be posted in the collieries to-morrow.

Mr. Richards, the Miners' Secretary, said, after two hours' discussion, that the owners were regardless either of legality or humanity.

Mr. Gibson, the Coal Miners' Secretary, said that the miners had failed to accept their terms, and added that the terms would be posted up at the pitheads as soon as possible.

Action on the part of the miners depends on the delegate's conference at Cardiff this afternoon. Simultaneously a report by the National Coal Board on the South Wales dispute has been issued in London. This appreciates the temporary agreement on November 29 for reduced earnings of workers, and the South Wales Miners Federation proposed a redistribution of hours, namely 7-3/4 for five days and 6-1/4 on Saturday.

Working Hours.

The report says that such redistribution is only possible by agreement between parties, for the Coal Mines Act prohibits more than 7-1/2 hours work daily. The Board, therefore, recommends a maximum of seven hours, 40 minutes' work daily for five days, and seven hours on Saturday, establishing a principle of 12 working days, including both Saturdays, in a 90-hour fortnight.

The temporary agreement, which the owners proposed to continue in January, lays down eight hours daily for five days in each week, seven hours for the first Saturday, and no work for the second Saturday, making a total of 87 hours a fortnight, instead of 90 as allowed by the spreadover under the Act.

Stoppage Inevitable.

South Wales coal owners and miners failed to agree at Cardiff to-day upon the terms for the extension of the temporary agreement expiring to-morrow.

A stoppage in the New Year is inevitable, failing a last minute change in the position.

Owners' Refusal.

It appears that the South Wales miners' leaders favoured an acceptance of the National Board's terms, but the coal miners refused to recognise them, contending that the redistribution of hours was impossible unless wages were reduced.—Reuter.

Proviso Declined.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The National Industrial Board for the Coalmining Industry heard the appeal of the South Wales Miners' Federation yesterday, and its findings will be known to-day to the parties to the dispute, who will meet in Cardiff.

The colliery owners have offered to continue the present temporary working agreement, which expires to-morrow, for another month, provided that if an agreement on future terms is not reached by January 14, the difference shall be referred to independent arbitration.

The miners have declined the proviso about arbitration, holding that the proper arbitral body should be the National Industrial Board, which the owners refuse to recognise. They were not represented at yesterday's meeting of the Board.

The main point at issue is one of wages. Under the form of spreadover suggested by the owners, an eleven-day fortnight would be worked. The men complain that this means a loss of one day's work and one day's pay per fortnight.

Mr. A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, said last night that he was sure there would be no stoppage in the New Year.

BANK OF ENGLAND STILL LEADS.

Our Hidden Reserves
of Vitality.

PLEA TO SHIPOWNERS.

London, Yesterday.

Sir James Lithgow, writing in the annual review of Lloyd's List, strikes an optimistic note when he says that Great Britain, in spite of the lamentable condition of her basic trades, still possesses the largest foreign trade per head of the population in the world, and by comparison with many of her competitors has exhibited a remarkable resistance to the forces of reaction.

He says that the hidden reserves of vitality which the present crisis of world trade and finance have called forth cannot be better exemplified than by the manner in which the Bank of England resumed almost without question her traditional place as the leader of international finance.

Mr. E. H. Watts, writing on "Low Freight and the Tramp," says that the remedies for shipping are frankly Imperialistic. Empire goods carried in Empire ships; bankers to use their influence to obtain preferential treatment overseas, and British shipowners as a body to co-operate to remedy the present low freight rates.

Mr. Aylmer Vallance, another writer, says that since the War the whole orientation of the cargo shipping policy has been based on the supposition that Russia was definitely out of the picture as an exporter of the prime "tramp" cargo—grain. The event demonstrated that to forget Russia was a cardinal error.—Reuter.

LETTER FROM "THE SPIRITS."

Prayers at 20 Cents
a Time.

AN ALLEGED SWINDLE.

The amazing credulity of a Chinese widow was exposed in Court yesterday when Yeung Chi Chu, and Li Fung Leung appeared before Mr. Butters, alleged to have extorted \$3,500 from her by a trick.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for Li Fung Leung.

In September, 1928, the son of Choi Ngan, the complainant, fell sick, and all attempts to cure him failed, and acting on advice from a friend, she called in the first defendant, who was reputed to effect cures by invoking the gods. After hearing the facts he immediately offered prayers, for which he charged 20 cents. This was followed by other prayers which cost the widow various fees, from 20 cents to \$2.80.

The second defendant also became interested, claiming to be the teacher of the first defendant. He also contributed prayers for a small fee.

About November 6 the second defendant produced a letter "from the spirits" which cost the widow \$80.

On November 13, he said he had received another letter, and requested the widow to hand over \$3,500, which he stated, her husband had amassed by improper means. This she did, withdrawing the money from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Defendant was stated to have wrapped the notes up and told the widow to throw them into the sea. Later he gave her a similar packet saying the "gods" had sent the money back to him, and charged her not to open the packet. This was two years ago, and the packet remained intact until a visit from her nephew, on December 10, who opened the packet and discovered a wad of brown paper.

Evidence was taken from the complainant and other witnesses, after which the case was adjourned.

and twenty hours per fortnight of twelve working days.

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REBELS PENNED IN THE JUNGLE.

Punjabi Troops Clash
With Insurgents.

THE BUFFS WITHDRAW.

Rangoon, Yesterday.

Sixty casualties occurred during a crash at Udoquin between rebels and Punjabis yesterday. Decisive developments are expected shortly to follow the policy of the troops in penning the rebels in the jungle, where food and water are unavailable.

The company of Buffs ordered to the scene is no longer required, and has been recalled to headquarters.—Reuter.

TORY LEADER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

Optimistic Outlook for
Empire Trade.

ELECTION COMING SOON.

London, Yesterday.

A thorough-going policy of National recovery, an emergency tariff to protect the manufacturer, a guaranteed price to the farmer for wheat, and a speedy agreement with the Dominions to build up a great Empire trade, are confidently forecast by Mr. Stanley Baldwin in his New Year messages as the achievements of 1931. He expresses the opinion that an election will not be long delayed, in spite of the "Liberal plot" to keep the socialists in power.—Reuter.

CASTE IN INDIA.

INDIGNANT PROTEST BY
UNTOUCHABLES.

POLICE CALLED IN.

Jalagon, Yesterday.

The rising indignation of the untouchables against caste Hindus was vented at a conference here to-day, when protest was made against the "humiliating treatment" and exclusion from the caste conference, meeting here simultaneously. The untouchables followed this up by besieging caste Hindus in their meeting place and squatting at the entrances, with a view of obtaining admission. Caste Hindus called in the Police, who cleared them out.—Reuter.

ROYAL MAIL SHARES

COMPANY UNABLE TO PAY
DIVIDEND.

GUARANTEE NOT MET.

London, Yesterday.

The White Star Line, of the Royal Mail group, has not been paying dividend preferences for the past six months. Dividend was not earned during the previous six months, but was paid under the Royal Mail guarantee. The Royal Mail are now unable to fulfil the guarantee, as they are again postponing their own preference dividends, which have not been paid since June, 1929.—Reuter.

U.S. RAIL SHARES.

VIGOROUS ADVANCE FOLLOWS
MERGER PLANS.

CONTROVERSY ENDED.

New York, Yesterday.

One of the most vigorous advances in railway shares occurred at the Stock Exchange to-day following the announcement that the heads of the main Eastern Lines had finally agreed to the unification plan after a decade of controversy.—Reuter's American Service.

HOTEL FIRE.

TEN PEOPLE BURNED IN
CANADA.

Ottawa, Yesterday.

At least ten people were killed in a hotel fire in Cochrane, Ontario, and it is feared that other victims will be found in the ruins. The dead included the owner's brother who had escaped, and their daughter who was killed. The bodies of the other seven victims were recovered by the fire department.—Reuter.

CHINESE TARIFF IRREGULAR.

Prohibitive Increases on
Luxuries.

EFFECTIVE TO-MORROW.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A closer examination of the items of the new Chinese import tariff schedule shows that the increases and decreases are irregular. Luxuries, however, in some cases suffer prohibitive increases, particularly such peculiarly Chinese delicacies as shark's fins, which have been increased two and a half times. Birds nests have been nearly doubled, and edible seaweed increased one and a half times.

Canned goods, jams and butter have been doubled, while duties on luxury foodstuffs generally are up from thirty to 100 per cent.

Medical opium, cocaine, morphine are increased from 12 1/2 to 30 per cent.

Brown sugar under eleven is increased from 1.01 gold units to 1.34, white sugar from 1.01 to 1.34 gold units, sugar candy 6.80 gold units (the gold unit being equal to 19.7250 pence, 40 cents gold, and 998 guilders), molasses 10 per cent, and unenumerated 20 per cent.

Beer and stout henceforth will be 50 per cent. ad valorem, gin, rum and unenumerated wines 50 per cent.

Duties on cigarettes and cigars are increased seven fold. All materials and apparatus used in the tobacco industry will henceforth be subject to 50 per cent. duty.

On the other hand chemicals show few increases and some reductions.

Gasoline and kerosene are slightly reduced. For lubricants in some cases the duty has been halved.

Paper generally suffers ten to 20 per cent increase. Woodpulp has been more than halved. Lumber shows slight increases and decreases. Glassware has been doubled.

The date of the enforcement of the schedule has not yet been promulgated.

Nanking, Later.

It is understood that the new tariff schedule will be effective as from January 1 next.

Likin To Go.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Bearing out recent rumours, a Japanese report from Tientsin states that Chang Hsueh-liang has issued a declaration that the abolition of likin will be effective in Chihli on January 1, but the decision regarding Manchuria must be delayed, pending the forthcoming financial conference at Mukden.

While there is no question of Chang Hsueh-liang's loyalty to the National Government, it is understood that the "old guard" in Manchuria is showing considerable opposition to his policy, which undermines their prerogatives.

Offices To Close.

Peking, Yesterday.

All the branch offices and the Head office of the Octroi in Peking have been ordered to wind up their affairs and close, after to-morrow. It is understood that this will throw out of work about a thousand officials.

It is understood that similar instructions to close up have been given all the likin offices all over Hoped.—Reuter.

TRAIN DERAILED.

OVER 100 PERSONS KILLED AND
INJURED.

WORK OF BANDITS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Eighty persons were killed and 40 injured on Saturday in the derailment of a train on a branch of the Peking-Mukden Railway in south-west Manchuria, due to removal of the sleepers by bandits. The bursting of the locomotive boiler started a fire, which, fed by gasoline and matches carried in one of the cars, totally destroyed several coaches and burned to death many of the passengers. The bandits pillaged the train and carried off twenty million yen in cash.—Reuter.



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CONTINENTAL SUBSIDIES.

The question of a direct all-British mail service between Great Britain and East Africa was considered by the East and South African Sections of the London Chamber of Commerce. Major Sir E. Humphrey Leggett, D.S.O. (chairman of the East African Section), presided.

Sir Sydney Henna, K.B.E. (chairman of the Tanganyika Railway Commission) gave an address on transport problems in that country. This showed that the day was coming when road transport would take the place of railways. There were too many ports in East Africa, and that was to the detriment of coastal and passenger services.

Major Walsh submitted a memorandum on East African mail services, urging the British Government to arrange an agreement with a British steamship company to establish a direct fortnightly service. He said:—

"The question of a direct all-British mail service between Great Britain and East Africa was raised as far back as 1900-1902 when the committee on shipping subsidies reported in favour of a subsidised British line. It was apparently felt at that time, however, that the volume of trade, of East Africa, outwards and homewards, did not warrant the large expenditure of money which would be required to subsidise a British mail service. This, it was subsequently ascertained, would have amounted to £80,000, no British shipping company then being prepared to make an offer at a lower figure. At that time Germany was subsidising the German East Africa Line to the extent of £45,000. In the opinion of the East African section of the London Chamber of Commerce the subject should now be reconsidered by His Majesty's Government in the light of the rapid commercial and industrial advance of the East African group of territories during recent years.

Present Mail Facilities.

So far as the present mail facilities are concerned, all the mails from this country to East Africa, with the exception of those sent via Marseilles, per French steamer, are transhipped at Aden. They are carried to that port by the vessels of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company and thence by any available steamers including French and Italian packets and the steamships of the Union Castle, British India, Clan, and other British lines, as well as German, Belgian and Dutch steamers. Whilst the East African section recognises that there are certain advantages in these arrangements,

they desire to submit that, quite apart from the loss of prestige to British administration through British mails being carried by foreign vessels, there is no guaranteed regularity of service, whereas a mail contract would provide for a specified schedule of arrivals and departures. The French and Japanese mail services to East Africa are already subsidised, and to that extent British interests are prejudiced. Japan in particular doubtless finds the reliability of a regular mail service of considerable advantage to her in the efforts which she is making to secure the trade of the East African group of territories in cotton and cotton piece goods.

A particular weakness in the chain of communication to which the section desire to draw attention relates to the absence of any pre-determined arrangement for the on-carrying of the mails from Mombasa. The uncertainty of this service and the delays which result have been the cause of considerable inconvenience to traders having business connections with other East African ports. Much dissatisfaction has been expressed in Tanganyika at the unreliability of the mails to ports in that territory, and the section feel that the present service is not commensurate with the important economic advancement which Tanganyika has made since the war.

Homeward Service.

The homeward mail service from East Africa is much less satisfactory than the outward service, and complaints of delays are frequently reported in favour of a subsidised British line. The section recognise, that there can be no guarantee of regularity of service under the present system; and, in view of the importance of the continued development of British interests in East Africa, they respectfully suggest that His Majesty's Government should consider the desirability of entering into negotiations with a British steamship line for the institution of a fortnightly direct service at the outset, with the object in view of establishing a weekly service at the earliest possible date.

The Chairman said that the German and Dutch and Italian lines were also subsidised by their Governments.

Major Walsh objected to the proposed air service to East Africa. He said that it cost too much; and that one Union Castle liner, or British India liner, going to East Africa did more to develop the country than 100 aeroplanes.

The Chairman said the air service would open in January and be maintained weekly.

Captain Johnson, seconding the resolution, said the memorandum put them in a worse position; because they had already a weekly service to East Africa. He deprecated the air service, and added that there were five British lines now in the East African section. The Secretary of the Dar-es-Salaam Chamber said British ships were no use to them. They preferred French and Italian ships for mails, because they were quicker.

The memorandum was adopted and sent to the Colonial Office in answer to a letter to the Chamber, asking for details of the mail problem. More data was given to the Colonial Office on the question of regular sailings.

SHIPBUILDERS' SETBACK.

A very substantial fall in profits is reported for the past year by the Falkland Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., of Glasgow. Before providing for Debenture interest the figure is £12,503, which compares with £52,192 for 1928-29 and £34,917 for 1927-1928.

No depreciation has been allowed this year, however, owing to the large amounts written off at June 30, 1929, and in previous years.

After providing for Debenture interest and other charges, a dividend of 10% was paid on the £100,000 capital, and a further 5% on the £100,000 reserve fund.

THE N.Y.K. REPORT.

FEARFUL DRAIN IN FREIGHT REVENUES.

At its directors' board meeting, says the Japan Times, the tentative plan was adopted by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for passing dividend payments to stockholders for the half-year business term ending on September 30. This rather drastic step is found imperative by men in charge of the biggest shipping company of Japan, because of a fearful drain in freight revenues during the past months despite their remarkable performance in expenditure curtailment amounting to a couple of million yen for the same period. Reports are current that a further scale reduction and shifting around in the company's personnel may take place when the general meeting of stockholders will be held to discuss the non-dividend plan.

Attitude of Management.

The news of this bold decision, which is characteristic of the President, Mr. Kenkichi Kagami, is proving very unpleasant reading to the thousands of N.Y.K. shareholders. The criticism is made by some that Mr. Kagami probably wants to conduct the affairs of a shipping concern after the manner of an ultra-conservative bank, trust company or insurance firm, his speciality. Explanation is made, however, that this drastic dividend action is introduced by the management on the assumption that the present business slump will be of the duration of a couple of years and to cope with any difficult situation which may crop up in the meantime a conservation of capital resources within the concern is essential even if shareholders are deprived of their distribution at this time.

Reduction in Freight.

Officials of the shipping company stated to the Press that the current term saw a reduction in freight revenues of about £5,000,000 and passengers revenue gains have amounted to £1,000,000 mainly because of heavy bookings for the newly built superior boats. To make the situation worse the company had to write off the value of its securities portfolios in keeping with the downward course in their markets. The company estimates the net loss for the term at £5,566,000 which is lined up by raising the dividend equalization fund amounting to £6,750,000, the balance £1,183,000 being carried forward to the next term.

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Empress of Asia	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	Empress of Canada	Mar. 7	Mar. 13
Empress of Canada	Mar. 11	Mar. 17	Empress of Russia	Mar. 14	Mar. 20
Empress of Russia	Mar. 17	Mar. 23	Empress of Japan	Mar. 20	Mar. 26
Empress of Japan	Mar. 23	Mar. 29	Empress of Asia	Mar. 26	Mar. 31
Empress of Asia	Mar. 29	Apr. 4	Empress of Canada	Mar. 31	Apr. 6
Empress of Canada	Apr. 4	Apr. 10	Empress of Russia	Apr. 6	Apr. 12
Empress of Russia	Apr. 10	Apr. 16	Empress of Japan	Apr. 13	Apr. 19
Empress of Japan	Apr. 16	Apr. 22	Empress of Asia	Apr. 19	Apr. 25
Empress of Asia	Apr. 22	Apr. 28	Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 30
Empress of Canada	Apr. 28	May 4	Empress of Russia	May 1	May 7
Empress of Russia	May 4	May 10	Empress of Japan	May 7	May 13
Empress of Japan	May 10	May 16	Empress of Asia	May 13	May 19
Empress of Asia	May 16	May 22	Empress of Canada	May 19	May 25
Empress of Canada	May 22	May 28	Empress of Russia	May 25	May 31
Empress of Russia	May 28	Jun. 3	Empress of Japan	May 31	Jun. 6
Empress of Japan	Jun. 3	Jun. 9	Empress of Asia	Jun. 6	Jun. 12
Empress of Asia	Jun. 9	Jun. 15	Empress of Canada	Jun. 12	Jun. 18
Empress of Canada	Jun. 15	Jun. 21	Empress of Russia	Jun. 18	Jun. 24
Empress of Russia	Jun. 21	Jun. 27	Empress of Japan	Jun. 24	Jul. 1
Empress of Japan	Jun. 27	Jul. 3	Empress of Asia	Jul. 1	Jul. 7
Empress of Asia	Jul. 3	Jul. 9	Empress of Canada	Jul. 7	Jul. 13
Empress of Canada	Jul. 9	Jul. 15	Empress of Russia	Jul. 13	Jul. 19
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died on board her after his victory over the French at Alexandria. Though she was at no great general action in her career, she shared in the capture of four line-of-battle ships and six frigates.

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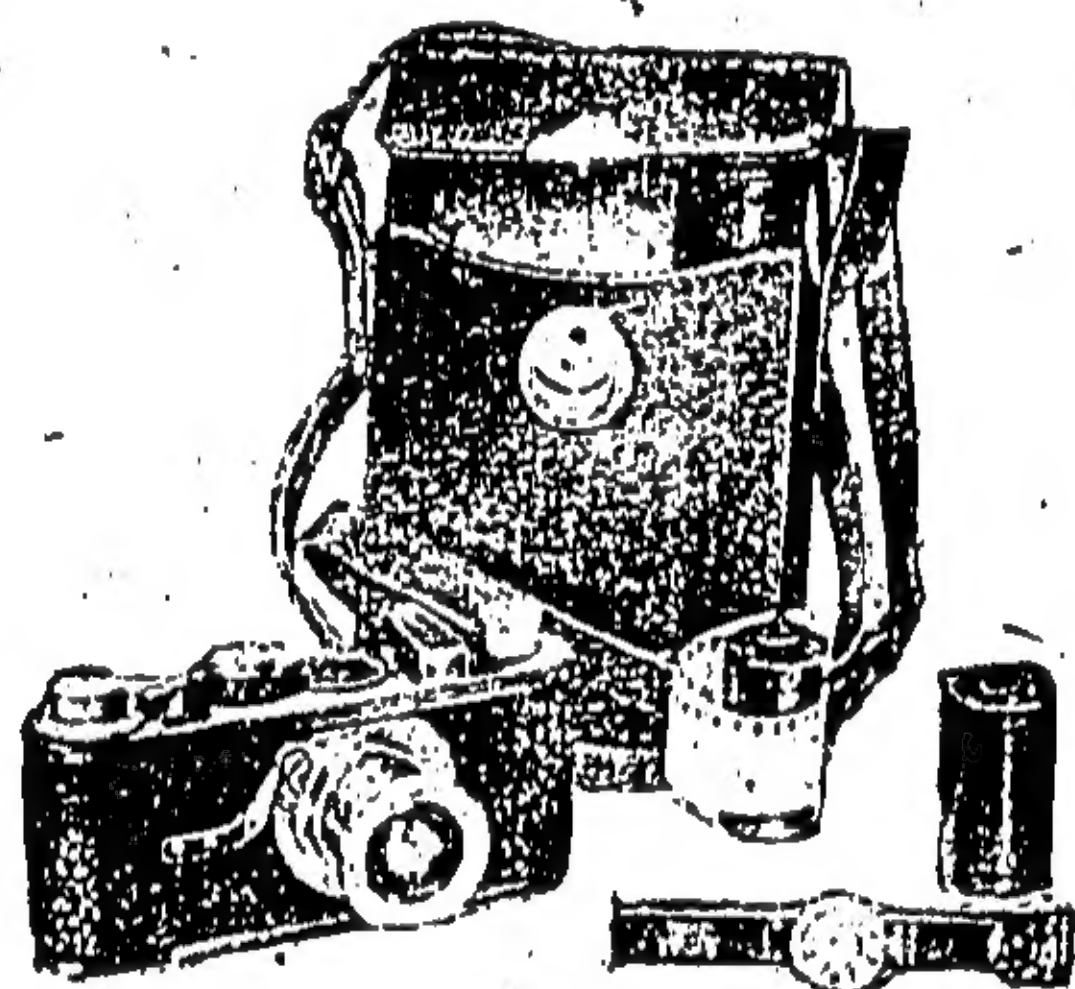
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RING OUT THE OLD!

The last of 1930! Will many
in the Colony regret it? Are
there any who like to prolong it?
These questions cannot be an-
swered in the affirmative or nega-
tive on behalf of the Colony as a
whole. The tendency may be to
dwell on the darker side of the
picture of 1930—to recall trage-
dies, effects of the slump in the
dollar, unwanted legislation, bitter
public controversies, and all else
of a sombre hue. And with the
recollections there is heaved a
mighty sigh that to-day will see
the last of 1930. The Sakeis of
Malaya have, or had a quarter of
century ago, a way of their own
of dealing with all things old:

When a man or woman was con-
sidered to have lived long enough
he or she was hung on a tree and
left to die. These wild tribes,
with their obsession for the blow-
pipe, had no use for the old—and
the old had to be forcibly ejected
from their midst. And so with
the old year: we of this genera-
tion have as a rule little use for
that which is old. The advance of
the scientific machine has created
in us a desire to discard the old
and reach out for the new. This
is an age of rush, compared with
which our forebears of only a few
generations ago lived their lives
in an atmosphere of quiet and
leisure.

But all that is old need not be
despised. There has been much
in the year now rapidly drawing
to a close for which to be thank-
ful as a community. There have
been events during the last
twelve months of public interest

of a really heartening nature.
There have been others from
which we can as a community
learn useful lessons for our wel-
fare in the New Year that will
be ushered in to-morrow and for
the years after that again. There
may have been general gloom,
too frequent overcast skies; but
there has also been much of an
uplifting and inspiring nature
encouraging and stimulating the
community to press forward to
the goal of even better days and
better years for the Colony in
which we live. All the fond hopes
of one short year ago may not
have been fulfilled: the inevitable
and inexorable process of change
and decay may have brushed
away some of our innate optimis-
m. But, it must be counted an
asset to reflect that as a Colony
there are no outward and visible
signs of actual retrogression or of
standing still as an outpost of the
Empire. Too rapid progress has
as ill effects on a community as
too rapid degeneration. We may
hang the old year on a tree, re-
gretting not our act, neither la-
menting its passing; but the
gesture is unworthy of us, look-
ing to all the good that the year
has meant to us as a Colony.

However we may view the
year 1930 in retrospect—probably
from an angle similar to that
which we regarded December 31
in many previous years—let us
as a community take the blessed
memories of the best it has had
to offer with us over the thresh-
old into the New Year. Let
optimism ever prevail over pes-
simism, inspiring in the whole
Colony the will to make of 1931 a
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

News in Brief.

The Government Administrative
Reports for 1929 have been issued
in one volume, a copy of which has
been received by the China Mail.

The General Chamber of Com-
merce is in receipt of information
that the British Economic Mission
to the Far East will arrive here on
January 30 or 31 and will stay
until March 5.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.,
advertise that to-morrow, all de-
partments will be closed. The
Hong Kong Dispensary, Dispensing
Department will be open for dis-
pensing prescription from 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7.30
p.m.

Wong Wai, a fisherman at
Stanley, has reported to the Police
that whilst out gathering sea weed
near the northern end of Wai-
gan with six others, one of the party,
Wong On, either slipped or ac-
cidentally fell into the water and
was not seen again. A search for
the body was futile.

At the next meeting of the local
branch of The English Association,
on Tuesday, January 6, at 5.30 p.m.
Mr. H. C. Maenamara will deliver
a lecture on "Judicial English."

Property to the value of \$158,
which was reported on December
29 as having been stolen from 4,
Alveston Terrace, has been re-
covered by the Police in a pawn-
shop. No arrests have been
effected.

Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell, re-
siding at May Hall, has reported to
the Police that between 8 p.m. on
December 28 and 9 a.m. on Decem-
ber 29, some person stole from his
motor car, which was parked in
Lyttleton Road, a pump and three
small spanners, of the total value
of \$8.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announce
that Noma Shearer has signed a
new long-term contract and is to
star only in M-G-M pictures. Miss
Shearer, who is extremely popular
with local cinema patrons, is star-
ring in "Let Us Be Gay" which is
to be shown in the Queen's Theatre
in the near future.

CHILD WELFARE.

WORK OF THE LOCAL
SOCIETY.

JUVENILE COURTS WANTED.

Sir Shou-son Chow, President of
the Society for the Protection of
Children, took the chair at the first
annual meeting held in the City
Hall yesterday.

In moving the adoption of the
report (published in the China
Mail on Saturday last) he outlined
the progress made by the Society
since its formation in January last,
stating that over \$15,000 was con-
tributed by the end of March. In
August the Society engaged Miss
Seto Wai-sheung as Inspector for
the investigation of cases.

The Society had also urged
the foundation of a Juvenile Court,
and the Governor had appointed a
Committee to go into the question.
The Society, in addition, had sub-
mitted a draft Bill to the Govern-
ment.

Finances were very satisfactory.
The tenth month commencing with
a balance of \$20,000. Expenses had
been less than \$1,400 in the period.
Mr. Hazlerigg had been asked to
join Mr. T. N. Chau as Honorary
Secretary.

Mr. Hazlerigg later addressed the
meeting on the work of the Society,
after which the report and accounts
were adopted.

Officers Elected.
Proposals that H.E. Sir William
and Lady Peel be re-elected patrons
and that Sir Cecil Clementi
be elected an hon. vice president met
with the unanimous approval of
the meeting.

The Patrons, Presidents, Vice-
Presidents, general and executive
committees and treasurer named in
this year's annual report were elected
to their respective offices for the
ensuing year, with the exception of
Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. B. D. F.
Beith, whose places are to be filled
by Mr. V. M. Grayburn and the
Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Messrs. Lee Yau-tsun and Fung
Ping-shun were elected members of
the Executive Committee.

A vote of thanks for the useful
work contributed by the Chairman
terminated the business.

THREAT TO MEN.

PROFESSIONS INVADED BY
WOMEN.

Bedford College girls, training
for widely-varying careers listened
recently to the first Fawcett Lec-
ture, delivered by Miss L. Grier,
Principal of Lady Margaret Hall,
Oxford. These lectures have been
endowed in memory of Dame Mil-
licent Fawcett.

Appropriately, it dealt with the
changes in occupation and leisure
of women during the last hundred
years and the effect of the educa-
tional revolution.

As regards women in employ-
ment, the most noticeable increase,
stated Miss Grier, was in the case
of women clerks. In 1841 there
were only 156 women clerks, where-
as in 1921 there were some 430,000.
A hundred years ago, there were
nearly 800 men clerks to every woman
clerk; now there are about
three women to every four men.
Miss Grier recalled that Florence
Nightingale bewailed the fact that
she was unable to get a woman
secretary, although she would have
given £500 a year for one.

There are no longer women
miners, or bricklayers, and few
chimney sweeps, plasterers, or
masons.
Referring to the professions,
Miss Grier stated that there were
no surgeons, physicians, architects,
barristers, accountants, or land
agents a hundred years ago. In
the 1921 census the only section
left blank under the heading of pro-
fessions was "Clergymen of the
Church of England."

ANARCHISTS IN PARIS.

Man Escapes While
Grave Is Dug.

The latest anti-Fascist crime in
France, following the arrest of two
anarchists for a suspected plot to
blow up the Italian Fascist in Paris,
turns out to be of even more im-
portance than was at first supposed.
Political murder was its object.
The intended victim escaped with
his life, but he is in a critical con-
dition.

The criminals, whose names are
known to the police, are members
of a secret anti-Fascist organiza-
tion, and their arrest is expected to
unveil a close relationship with the
Communist revolutionary movement.

The object of the attack was a
young Italian, called Carti, who
went to Paris several months ago
to join the Italian anti-Fascist.
For some reason not yet revealed
Carti became suspect in the eyes of
his companions, and they decided to
murder him. Carti was invited to
a villa at Sartrouville, a suburb
of Paris, on the banks of the
Seine, where two of the anti-
Fascist chiefs were living.

Heated Discussion.
There, after a heated discussion,
he was driven into the corner of a
room and shot. The state of the
room showed that a violent struggle
had taken place. There were also
a number of empty bottles of wine,
which might indicate that the people
carrying out the "execution" tried
to make their victim talk.

It is clear also that the murder
was arranged in cold blood, as a
small water pump motor in a shed
attached to the villa had been start-
ed up to prevent the noise of the
shooting from being heard. The
"execution" accomplished, the
criminals, assuming their man to
be dead, left him lying while they
went to the garage to dig a grave
for the body.

While they were away, however,
Carti revived, and, in spite of the
wound in his head, managed to
drag himself out of the house,
across the garden, and by a super-
human effort to hoist himself on to
a wall, from which he dropped on
a neighbouring property.

Trail of Blood.
The would-be murders, finding
that their victim had escaped,
evidently took flight in haste.
Carti was discovered by a postman
some hours after in a desperate
state, and was only able to gasp
out: "I have been shot by two
Italians" before collapsing again.
Since being in hospital he has re-
fused to say anything more.

When the police entered the villa
a trail of blood enabled them to
reconstruct the shooting and the
flight of the unfortunate Carti.
The grave had already been dug
and several sacks of lime prepared
to place over the body, which showed
that it was only on going to
fetch it for burial that the men
discovered the escape of their
victim.

A number of documents and pro-
paganda literature were found in
the villa, as well as several pass-
ports and a time machine of the
type used for setting off bombs.

This last discovery raises the
possibility of some connection be-
tween the present outrage and the
Anarchist plot revealed recently.
What may prove even more impor-
tant is the discovery at the villa of
wireless sets both for receiving and
for transmitting.

MRS. HOOK MARRIED

ROMANCE FOLLOWS TRAGIC
BURMA AIR CRASH.

Mrs. Dorothy Victor Hook, widow
of Flight-Lieutenant Eric Hook,
who lost his life in the jungle in
Burma last July while flying from
England to Australia with Mr.
James Matthews, was married in
mail-week at Llandudno to Mr. R.
F. Hopper, of St. Albans.

"I know I am doing the right
thing, and that my late husband
would approve," Mrs. Hook said
when the news of her engagement
was announced in September.

"I was faced with the necessity
of sending my two little girls into
a home, and I could not bear the
idea. They will now have a home
of their own. I shall also be a
mother to Mr. Hopper's three boys,
one of whom is young enough to be
a playmate for my little girls."

Mr. Hopper, who is a retired
dentist, lost his wife about the time
Mr. Hook was killed. He wrote a
letter of condolence to Mrs. Hook,
and later was introduced to her by
a friend. It was not long before
they decided to marry.

While they were house hunting
at Llandudno, Mr. Hopper's motor-
car was overturned and Mrs. Hook
and her two children were thrown
out. Fortunately they escaped in-
jury.

After Mr. Hook's body was found,
a fund raised by the Rev. G. J.
Barry, of West Wickham, Kent,
where Mrs. Hook was living, re-
leased nearly \$1,700. The whole
has been invested for the benefit
of the children.

MR. JAMES H. WOODIER.

Death of Well-Known
Resident.

THIRTY YEARS HERE.

Mr. James H. Woodier, custodian
of the Happy Valley Recreation
Ground, died yesterday in the
Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Woodier was 53 years of age.
He had been in the Colony thirty
years, originally coming out with
the Welch Regiment. He had been
connected with the Public Works
Department, in his present posi-
tion, for about two years, and was
previously in the Army Ordnance
Department and the Naval Yard
Police. Death was due to
pneumonia and tuberculosis.

The funeral was held yesterday
at Happy Valley, the Rev. G. T.
Waldgrave conducting the service.
Among those who attended were
Messrs. C. Frith, G. Coyah, S. R.
Jones, T. Bolt and other members
of the P.W.D. staff and old
friends.

"WALL OF RULES."

PROBLEM OF MEN AND WOMEN
UNDERGRADUATES.

Following the attack by the Ox-
ford "Isis" on women students, a
writer in the Cambridge "Gow-
nsmen" describes the restrictions on
men and women mixing at Cam-
bridge as "pernicious anachron-
isms." He writes:

"The newcomer learns with
amazement that the residents in
Newnham and Girton are not mem-
bers of the University. He is con-
fronted with the wall of rules and
regulations built by the authorities
between the men and women
students. He naturally concludes
that women have no influence upon
undergraduate life and that social
contact with them is rare.

"The official wall does scare the
timid, and the numerical inferiority
of the members of Newnham and
Girton, as compared with the 18
men's colleges does lead to social
meetings with the opposite sex
being an infrequent occurrence in
the average undergraduate's life.

"But the women here seem to
exercise an influence out of all pro-
portion to their numbers. The
relation of the sexes at Cambridge
is altogether sensible, and under-
standing of the complex rules and
regulations by which it is (in
theory) circumscribed."

CHANGING PICCADILLY.

Well-Known Landmark
Disappears.

The day is not far away when the
aspect of Piccadilly will be changed
as completely as Regent Street has
been changed during the last quar-
ter of a century.

The latest improvement to be ef-
fected on the south side—and al-
ready many new buildings have
made their appearance between
Arlington Street and Piccadilly
Circus—is the group of buildings
which used to be known as Princes
Hotel and Restaurant.

The work of transforming this
well-known London landmark has
been carried on under the direction
of Mr. Clement D. Rich, the chair-
man of the Piccadilly Development
Company.

"The old hotel and restaurant
have completely disappeared," Mr.
Rich said. "Behind the hoardings
workmen have built a miniature
town, with its own shops and offices.
An arcade is to connect Piccadilly
and Jermyn Street, thus providing
another means of access from the
north to St. James's Square.

"In the new Princes House there
are modern suites of offices, while
in the basement is a restaurant to
seat 300 people. At the same time
the old Princes Galleries, the scene
of so many art exhibitions, have
been remodelled."

NOVEL CELEBRATION.

Reynolds Packard and Mrs.
Eleanor Cryan have just completed
a novel in Vienna protesting
against marriage and "similar
conventions."

"How shall we celebrate the
completion of the book?" they asked.
"Let's get married," they
replied.

So now they are man and wife.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
December 31, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 3/2 3/16.

In connection with the Yaumati
shooting affray in which Lance-
Sergeant Gardiner lost his life,
Inspector Caygill this morning
formally charged two Chinese (be-
fore Magistrate Orme) with having
been concerned with others, armed
in custody. In an attempted armed
robbery at No. 835, Reclamation
Street, Yaumati, on the night of
December 27. The Inspector asked
for a week's remand, which was
granted.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE
IN INDIA.Number of Female
Voters Too Small.

FRANCHISE SCHEME.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mary aspects of the franchise question were discussed to-day by the Franchise Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference. The purpose of this Sub-Committee is to recommend to the full conference the terms of reference with recommendations, then possible for the expert Franchise commission, which is to study the subject in India. During the discussion the view found general favour that the Franchise commission might consider the introduction of educational qualification of a satisfactory standard, provided this could be done without conflicting with the recommendation that an extension of the Franchise should be distributed as far as possible equally among the different communities. It was also agreed that the commission might be asked to decide whether military service qualification should not be extended to include service in military and territorial forces in India.

The question of women's franchise was also discussed at length and the women delegates asked that the recommendation on this subject made in the Statutory Commission's report should be given effect, except that they desired the qualifying age to be 21 instead of 25 years. The Sub-Committee generally expressed dissatisfaction that the number of women voters was so small compared with the number of male voters and thought the Franchise commission should examine the methods whereby the numbers might be made to approximate more closely and that in so going they should take into account together with any other evidence the proposals of the Statutory Commission.

It was also thought that the commission might examine the disparity which it was suggested existed in certain provinces be-



Salesman: "I'm sorry, we can't take the gramophone back after you've had it for a year. What's wrong with it?"

Scott: "The needle's broke."—*Smith Weekly, Sydney.*

between the Urban and rural population in franchise. In regard to the extension of the franchise, it was felt that the matter was one in which provincial legislatures might exercise their discretion as to what extension should take place after a period of years, not less than ten.

The meeting of the North West frontier province sub-committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Henderson, heard a statement by Sir Denys Bray, of the Indian Council, based upon his personal and administrative experience of the frontier province. With a view to focusing the discussion the Chairman, at the request of the Sub-Committee, undertook to prepare a report which will be submitted at the next meeting on Thursday. The Prime Minister will tomorrow morning preside over the meeting of the minorities committee. — British Wireless Service.

MENEMEN REVOLT.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN
SMYRNA.

CULPRITS TO BE HANGED.

Angora, Yesterday.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Smyrna Province. The military authorities who failed to suppress the Menemeni demonstrations will be court-martialed. It is expected that many connected with the Menemeni revolt will be hanged.—*Router.*

Pleading "guilty" to stealing two counterpane valued at \$31 from a laundry in Sai Kung Road, a Chinese, Tang Fu, was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment, at the Kowloon Magistracy, to-day.

"Chasing Through Europe," starring Syd Carl and Nick Stuart, will be the New Year attraction in the Star Theatre, Kowloon, from to-morrow to Saturday.

SPEED RECORD.

TO BE ATTACKED BY BRITISH
MOTORIST.

FOUR MILES A MINUTE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the last few days mechanics have made a trial assembly of the car in which Captain Malcolm Campbell will attack at Daytona Beach the speed record made by the late Sir Henry Segrave. The 12 cylinder 1,400 horse power engine, although twice as powerful as an express railway engine, is only five feet long and three feet wide. Designed originally for a Gloster-Napier seaplane in the Schneider Trophy race, special permission of the Air Ministry has been obtained for its use. A series of experiments on streamlining carried out by models in a wind tunnel preceded the construction of the chassis and the body, and resistance has been reduced to a minimum. Captain Campbell hopes to reach a speed of more than four miles per minute.—*British Wireless Service.*

SCHNEIDER TROPHY

GREAT BRITAIN CHALLENGED
BY ITALY.

RACE NEXT YEAR.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Royal Aero Club to-day received from the Royal Aero Club of Italy official confirmation of the entry of three seaplanes for the Schneider Trophy race. This represents a challenge to Great Britain as the holder and renders certain a contest in British waters next September. The Italian entries were accompanied as required of the regulations by a deposit of 500 francs for each competing seaplane and a banker's guarantee for 6,000,000 francs. No other entries had been received up to this evening. According to the recent agreement between the various National Aero Clubs, the time limit for entries expires at midnight on December 31.—*British Wireless Service.*

BRISTOL ELECTION.

SOLICITOR-GENERAL STANDS
FOR LABOUR.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A writ for the East Bristol by-election was issued to-day and polling fixed for January 15. Sir Stafford Cripps, Solicitor General, is the Labour candidate, and Mr. Edward Baker (Liberal). It is not known whether a Conservative will contest the seat.—*British Wireless Service.*

CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The anticyclone is now central to the north of Korea. Strong to fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; generally cloudy.

A TASTE FOR BOYS!

Two instances of dog-biting occurred in Kowloon yesterday, the animals in both cases being sent to Ma Tau Kok for observation.

The first dog is owned by Sergeant Williams, H.K.S. Brigade, R.A., residing at 4, Jordan Road, and it bit Mickey, the seven-year-old son of Sergeant Davey, A. and S.H., also resident in Jordan Road. The lad was treated in the Military Hospital.

Sergeant Gardner, A. and S.H., living at 8, Jordan Road, was the owner of the second dog which bit "Jock" Hutchison, son of Sergeant Hutchison, of the same battalion. The boy was treated in the hospital.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

The following cases of diseases and deaths were notified to the Medical Officer of Health during the week ended December 27:—

Cases Deaths
Smallpox 1
Diphtheria 4
Enteric fever (one imported)
Cerebro Spinal fever 1
Tuberculosis 62

On December 29 two cases of typhoid fever and one case of diphtheria were notified.

The New Year attraction in the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, will be "The Divine Lady" featuring Corrine Griffiths (as Lady Hamilton), R. B. Warner (as Lord Hamilton), and Victor Varconi (as Lord Nelson). It is a lavish First National production and a picturisation of E. Barrington's historical novel.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-night—New Year's Eve Carnivals at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels (Fancy Dress Ball).

To-night—New Year's Eve Dance at Craigengower Cricket Club.

To-night—Carnival and Exhibition dances at Hotel Cecil.

Thursday—Special Tea Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre. "In Gay Madrid."

To-day—Central Theatre. "Captain of the Guard."

To-day—World Theatre. "Love on the Lake" (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre. "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."

To-day—Majestic Theatre. "Interference."

Homo Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Comorin); Outward for Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (Tatsuta Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Meeting.

January 14—Meeting of Graduates in the Great Hall of the University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 12.

Lammert's Auction.

Saturday—At 7, Prat Buildings, (Middle floor), Kowloon household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

"CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD."

"Captain of the Guard," featuring John Boles and Laura La Plante, has been playing to packed houses in the Central Theatre, and quite rightly. It is undoubtedly one of the best films of the year and fully deserves every publicity.

Those who saw and heard John Boles in "Rio Rita" were both thrilled and delighted by his voice. Let those people see him in this historical picture of the downfall of the French aristocracy. His rendering of "La Marseillaise" is magnificent; his powerful voice rings through the portals of the theatre. He impresses himself by the passion he imparts into his song; he swells inside you that gorge of patriotic pride. In short, he is the screen's greatest singer. The lyrics songs which he sings were specially written by Charles Wakefield Cadman and Rex Roehmold.

Laura La Plante, his opposite, plays a delightful lead in her own charming way, and one song of hers in an endeavour to keep her father on the side of the Royalist faction, will captivate all hearts. Her leadership, under the name of "The Torch" of the Paris mob, is both spectacular and impressive. She provides just the perfect foil for John Boles.

The story relates to the adventures of a young hussar (John Boles), his later imprisonment, his pardon by Marie Antoinette; his dramatic treason in the rendering of the "Song of Liberty," and the powerful climax of the fall of the monarchy. A thrilling story of the aristocrats.

The photography is excellent, and some of the scenes of the interior of the imperial palace are splendid, and well worth seeing both for their educational purposes and their highly entertaining qualities. To-night unfortunately is the last night of this great film.

FISHING BOAT CAPSIZES.

Fung Lo-tuk, master of a fishing boat, in a report to the Police, stated that whilst fishing from his boat near the sea wall at the Kowloon Naval Anchorage, the craft capsized owing to the wash of a passing junk.

He and his family were thrown into the water, but were fortunately rescued by the crew of the Japanese steam launch Miyasu.

A child of three years of age was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion.

KOWLOON BURGLARY.

Mr. C. Whitehead, 12, Granville Road, second floor, has notified the Police that between two and three o'clock yesterday, some person entered his house by means of a staircase door, which had been left open, and stole a woollen travelling rug and a woollen blanket, of the total value of \$47.

Sergeant Goodwin asked for a remand in order to make further enquiries into the case against Tang Pui, who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with having kidnapped a male child, Sham Kung-shun, (6) in Tai Nam Street. Mr. Butters granted a remand until Saturday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINESE CUSTOMS
NOTIFICATION.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, under instructions received from the Inspector General of Customs the New Import Tariff of December, 1930, is to operate from 1st January, 1931.

J. M. H. OSBORNE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon & District.
York Building,
Hong Kong, 31st Dec., 1930.

HONG KONG BOXING
ASSOCIATION.

OWING to two main events being arranged for January 3 the ring-side tickets will be \$6 and 70 cents tax, \$6.70 in all, and the stall tickets will be \$4 and 40 cents tax, \$4.40 in all, instead of \$5 and \$3 respectively. The circle tickets will be \$1 as usual and 10 cents tax, \$1.10 in all.

JAMES T. PRIOR,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 31st Dec., 1930.

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A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR
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HONG KONG.

Watch Night Service at 11.30 p.m. on New Year's Eve in the Cathedral.

LOST.

LOST—A light coloured Chow Dog, named Peggy, missing since December 28; Licence No. 3249. Finder please communicate with Mrs. Quistgaard, 2, Sookpoo Villas. Reward offered.

TO LET.

TO LET—Furnished Room to let at \$50 per month. 13, Wing Lok Building, Kowloon. Telephone 56841.

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BOXING

CITY HALL

SATURDAY,

January 3, 1931.

at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

15 Rounds Contest for
Lightweight Championship of
the Colony and Belt

Between

STOKER PERCY LAKE,

Holder,

H.M.S. BERWICK

and

A. B. DOBSON,

H.M.S. THACIAN.

15 Round Contest for the
Welterweight Championship of
the Colony

Between

JOCK CRICHTON,

SHANGHAI

and

A. B. BEGBIE,

H.M.S. BERWICK.

Booking at Moultre's—
For Members of the
Hong Kong Boxing Association
on TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY,
December 30 and 31.

General Public:
FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
January 2 and 3, 1931.

RINGSIDE SEATS \$6
OTHERS \$4 and \$1.

PLUS AMUSEMENT TAX.

WATCHMAN STABBED.

As a result of a fracas between a watchman and a gambling school, on the No. 1 Wharf of the Kowloon Godowns, a private watchman named Ho Cho, was removed to Kowloon Hospital suffering from knife wounds in the stomach. Another of the participants received similar wounds in the back. Three men alleged to have taken part in the fight are now in custody.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshulpo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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JUMPING TO DEATH.

DRAMATIC SUICIDES IN WALL STREET DISTRICT.

Two men jumped to death from skyscrapers in the Wall Street district during one afternoon recently. One leaped from the thirtieth floor of the Equitable building and crashed on the roof of a lorry, killing the driver as well as himself. The other jumped from the twenty-fourth story of the Singer building and crashed on the ledge of the fourteenth floor overhanging Broadway.

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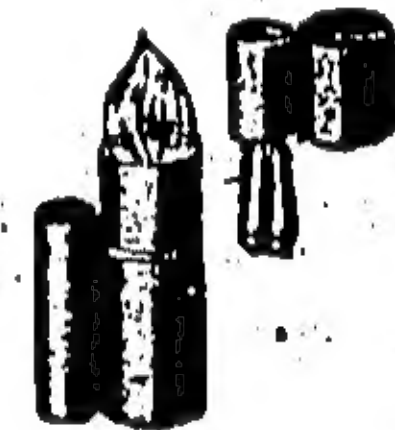
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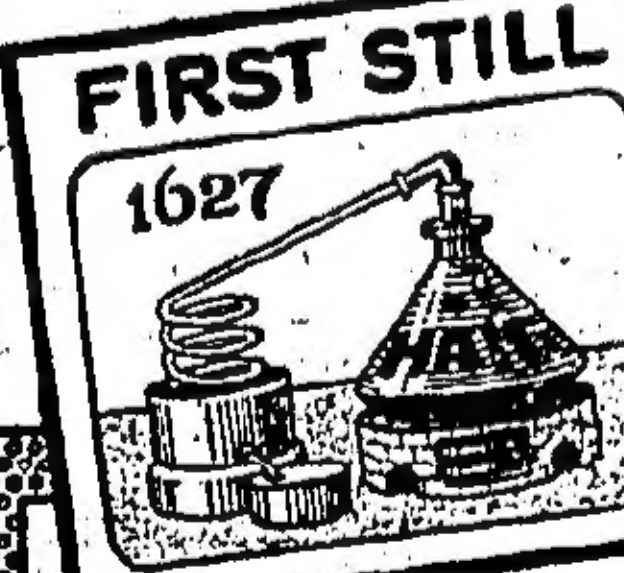


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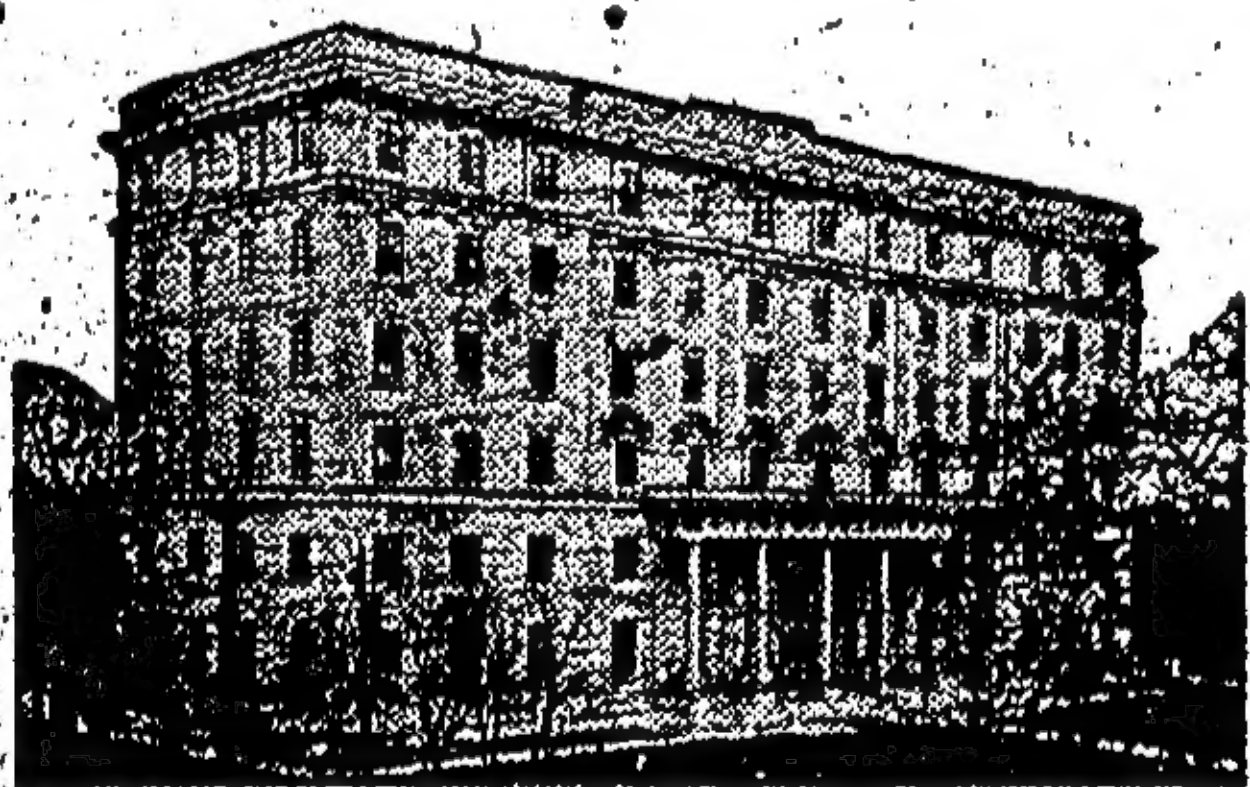
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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL
LEAGUES.List of Fixtures for
To-morrow.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY.

The following is the list of
League fixtures at Home to-
morrow:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Blackburn	v. Manchester C.
Bolton W.	v. Liverpool
Manchester U.	v. Leeds U.
Middlesbrough	v. Grimsby
Newcastle	v. Aston Villa
Wednesday	v. Huddersfield

Division II.

Barnsley	v. Plymouth
Everton	v. Bury
Oldham	v. Reading

Division III.—Northern.

Accrington	v. Rochdale
Barrow	v. Crewe
Carlisle	v. Doncaster
Chesterfield	v. Tranmere
Darlington	v. Lincoln
Gateshead	v. York
Hartlepool	v. Wigan
N. Brighton	v. Stockport

Who Will Win?

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES
AT HOME.(Exclusive to China Mail—
By "Linsman.")

The following is a list of Home football matches on Saturday. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Birmingham	v. DERBY CO.
Blackpool	v. BLACKBURN
BOLTON W.	v. Huddersfield
Grimsby	v. Newcastle
LEEDS UN.	v. Arsenal
LIVERPOOL	v. Middlesbrough
Manchester U.	v. CHELSEA
WEDNESDAY	v. Sheffield U.
Sunderland	v. PORTSMOUTH
West Ham	v. Aston Villa

BRADFORD C.	v. Barnsley
BURNLEY	v. Southampton
Millwall	v. CHARLTON
Notts F.	v. BRADFORD
OLDHAM	v. Stoke
Plymouth	v. Bury
PORT VALE	v. Bristol C.
PRESTON N.E.	v. Reading
Swansea	v. EVERTON
TOTTENHAM	v. Wolves
WEST BROM.	v. Cardiff

Bristol R.	v. Brentford
COVENTRY	v. Brighton
Exeter	v. Notts Co.
Fulham	v. TORQUAY
Gillingham	v. Crystal Pal.
Luton	v. NORTHAMPTON
Newport	v. Norwich
QUEEN'S P.R.	v. Bournemouth
SOUTHEAST	v. Watford
SWINDON	v. Walsall

Accrington	v. WREXHAM
Barrow	v. CARLISLE
CHESTERFIELD	v. York
DARLINGTON	v. Nelson
Gateshead	v. HULL
Hallifax	v. WIGAN
N. Brighton	v. HARTLEPOOL
Rochdale	v. Crewe
ROTHERHAM	v. Doncaster
Southport	v. Tranmere
Stockport	v. LINCOLN

ABERDEEN	v. Cowdenbath
Clyde	v. ST. MIRREN
East Fife	v. HEARTS
FALKIRK	v. Ayr U.
HAMILTON	v. Leith
Hibernian	v. CELTIC
Kilmarnock	v. Airdrieonians
MORTON	v. Partick
Queen's Park	v. Motherwell
RANGERS	v. Dundee

HOCKEY.

LADIES' INTERNATIONAL
MATCH.

There will be a return match between England and Scotland at Sookeupoo, on Saturday, January 3, at 3.30 p.m. The teams are as follows:—

England: F. Webber; E. Gray; E. V. Franklin; E. J. Coppin; B. M. Pope; F. Cousins; E. R. Bell; P. M. Goodall; E. M. Donelan; A. N. O'Brien; and M. Bishop.

Scotland: G. E. Little; A. Nichol; B. Laing; J. L. Whyte; E. Bonnar; M. L. Wallace; I. C. Bell; N. McNeillie; A. Duncan; C. Ferguson; and E. Blackburn.

The following will represent the Radio Sports Club against the Hong Kong Hockey Club: Ist XI, to-day at 5 p.m. on the U.S.R.C. ground:—

Ist XI: R. S. Gill; Rattan Singh; J. S. Grewal; A. P. Singh; A. Singh; M. S. Grewal; R. Khan; Gurbachan Singh; Awar Singh (Captain); Attar Singh; and F. A. Kemp.

ARMY DEFEAT THE
NAVY.Naval Advantage Soon
Disappears.

FRY BOWLS WELL.

On the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday, the Army defeated the Navy by 57 runs.

By defeating the Navy yesterday the Army have now won the triangular tournament, as they defeated the Club earlier in the month. Holding a lead of 31 runs on the first innings the Navy were set 172 runs in the fourth innings, but before the bowling of Fry and Williams they collapsed in an amazing fashion, being dismissed for 84 runs. Full scores are appended:—

Army—1st Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	22
b. Loyal	17
Capt. A. N. Thorp, lb.w., b. Jowitt	20
Lt. J. Haslewood, b. Baker	14
Lt. A. H. Mussen, not out	40
Sgt. J. Williams, lb.w., b. Loyal	14
Capt. R. G. Lockner, b. Baker	11
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, lb.w., b. Loyal	26
Maj. R. M. Airey, lb.w., b. Jowitt	2
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, c. Nash, b. Glass	1
Pte. R. Salmon, c. Edwards, b. Loyal	1
Extras	10
Total	185

Navy—1st Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Army—2nd Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Navy—2nd Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Army—3rd Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Navy—3rd Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Army—4th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Navy—4th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Army—5th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Navy—5th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Army—6th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Navy—6th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Army—7th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Navy—7th Innings.	
Lt. R. V. Dewar, c. Edwards,	23
b. Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b. Loyal	24
Lt. J. Haslewood, c. Loyal, b. Glass	24
Lt. A. H. Mussen, b. Jowitt	18
Sgt. J. Williams, c. Jowitt	13
Lt. Cpl. F. W. Fry, c. Glass, b. Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Cpl. W. T. Davies, b. Loyal	21
Maj. R. M. Airey, st. Barrett, b. Jowitt	1
Capt. R. G. Lockner, not out	17
Lt. M. H. F. Waring, c. Barrett, b. Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

FRENCH RUGBY FOOT-
BALL DISPUTE.Further Movements by
Federation.

CLUB OR INTERNATIONAL.

Paris, Yesterday.
The French Rugby football dispute, which has raged ever since twelve clubs resigned from the Federation on account of the French Championship methods and their favour of the adoption of "British Traditions" is coming to a head with the approaching game against Ireland on January 1.

Three members of the French team were asked to barter their Club membership for international caps as their Clubs had seceded from the Federation.
Majorus, a veteran international, flouted the Federation by remaining staunch to his club, the Stade Français, but Porra, the new hooker, who has at last received international recognition, apparently was unable to resist the temptation and agreed to resign from Lyons and join an affiliated club.—Reuter.

CLUB "A" TEAM FOR
TO-DAY.

The following will represent the Club "A" v. H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships to-day at 4.45 p.m.:—
C. E. Holmes; G. P. Ferguson; D. F. Kilby; H. S. Green; A. N. O'Brien; R. H. Griffiths; G. A. L. Plummer; Mifford; Atkinson; Cochrane; A. R. Cox; A. D. Coppin; W. F. Kerr; Watson; and Wilson.
Referee: Mr. R. R. Halson.

The China Mail

has acquired the exclusive services of "Scrum Half" for the Rugby season.

Do not miss his descriptions

The China Mail.

MEDAL PLAY AT
FANLING.N.Y.K. Skipper Defeats
Dollar Line Skipper

EASY VICTORY.

A great deal of local interest was aroused by the meeting of two well-known skippers, both at the head of their golfing class of their respective lines.

Captain George Yardley, of the President Cleveland, and Capt. Shunji Ito, of the Tatsuta Maru, matched their skill at Fanling yesterday morning, and Capt. Ito ran out winner by 28 strokes. On the outward play, Capt. Ito took 53 as against Capt. Yardley's 72, while on the return the Japanese player finished in 49, Capt. Yardley taking 58.

On their return to Kowloon, Capt. Ito, according to tradition, was entertained to lunch on board the American vessel by Capt. Yardley.

STARTING TIMES FOR
TO-MORROW.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

GENERAL HOLIDAY.

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

RADIO NOTICES

The Radio Office, where full information concerning all wireless services may be obtained at all times, is situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building in Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	31.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER		
Saloon	Maurice Long	
FRIDAY, JANUARY		
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Dec. 4 and Parcels, Nov. 27)	Comoria	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 13, 1930)	Ranchi	
London (Parcels, Nov. 20) and Straits	Helenus	
SATURDAY, JANUARY		
Australia and Manila	Nellore	
SUNDAY, JANUARY		
Japan	Brisbane Maru	
MONDAY, JANUARY		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Dec. 13)	President Madison	
Straits	Kidderpore	
TUESDAY, JANUARY		
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	
THURSDAY, JANUARY		
Straits	Yasukuni Maru	
FRIDAY, JANUARY		
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20)	Empress of Japan	
SATURDAY, JANUARY		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 12)	President Harrison	
MONDAY, JANUARY		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 19)	President Pierce	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	31.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER		
Manila	Melville Dollar	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.
Saloon	Holikon	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Lee Sang	5 p.m.
Cebu	Jason	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru (Due San Francisco, Jan. 22, 1931, and Europe via Siberia.)	Registration Dec. 31, 1930, 5 p.m. Letters Jan. 1, 1931, 8.30 a.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY		
Holihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Del Maru	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	9 a.m.
Straits	Cremer	10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY		
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	St. Albans (Due Brisbane, Jan. 19, 1931.)	Parcels Jan. 2, 11 a.m. Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m. Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Ranchi (Due Marseilles, Jan. 30, 1931.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	G.P.O.	
Parcels	Jan. 1, 4.30 p.m.	
Registration	Jan. 3, 9 a.m.	
Letters	Jan. 3, 10 a.m.	
Japan	Comoria	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Lee Sang	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Comoria	Registration Jan. 2, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY		
Sandakan	Hin Sang	10 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Brisbane	Brisbane Maru (Due Brisbane, Jan. 18, 1931.)	Parcels Jan. 3, 4 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangang	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY		
Holihow and Bangkok	Kwangtung	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	1 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

THE NEW GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

His Career as a Politician.

BARON VON NEURATH.

When Baron Konstantin von Neurath takes up office as German Ambassador to the Court of St. James, England will make the acquaintance of one of the most distinguished of Republican Germany's diplomats and politicians. Fifty-seven years of age, Herr von Neurath was recalled from his post at Constantinople in 1917 to become chief of the King of Wurtemberg's Cabinet. The revolution in 1918 found him still at his post, and it is among his greatest pleasures to recall that he once personally intervened between the King and an angry mob in Stuttgart, the capital of the little South German kingdom.

It may as well be said here that the revolution in Wurtemberg was not very terrifying, that the people loved their King and Queen dearly—the royal couple have not left their own borders to this day—and that, as in many other districts in South Germany, the Republic was proclaimed because the signal from Prussia could not be disobeyed without civil war. But the scenes of those days foreshadowed the skill which the Baron was to display later in dealing with the Italian Socialists and the beginnings of the Fascist regime a short time afterwards in Italy. He has been Ambassador in Rome since 1922.

Delicate Problems in Italy. This typical South German aristocrat, as different in his easy manners and charm of approach from the Prussian Junker or the Hanseatic patrician as can well be imagined, performed in Rome tasks nearly as difficult, and requiring as much tact, as those required of Herr Stammer in his earlier days in London. In his dealings with Mussolini he nearly always had some form of positive success to his credit, even on such difficult subjects as the sequestration of German property in South Tyrol, for which he obtained as much as eighty per cent. equivalent in cash. In various skirmishes where German tourists offended Fascist authority, and still more painful ones in which German journalists were required to leave the country at a moment's notice, his intervention generally made for peace, provided the good faith of the victim had satisfied exhausting research.

The chief value of von Neurath's work to Germany lay however, in his negotiation of the trade treaty of 1925 and the friendship and migration treaty of 1926. These were by no means easy to obtain. He leaves Italy infinitely better friends with Germany than he found her. A certain atmosphere of suspicion and irritation has been almost completely eased. The Italians have always found him sincere. A courtier to his fingertips, albeit a loyal Republican, he does not suffer revolutionaries gladly.

An Embassy Burglary. That his task was not always easy is proved by the following incident—one of the many episodes occurring at foreign embassies since the War so much more like fiction than fact. During the troubled years round about 1923 the presence of strangers roaming in an inquisitive manner around one's property was not rare in the parks and gardens of Italian gentlemen. But the German Embassy, with its headquarters at the beautifully wooded Villa Wolkonsky, on the Lateran hill, kept a permanent watch on those who appeared to have no business about the premises. Figures, cloaked and hooded, lights that flashed behind palms and shrubs, were the order of the day, or rather night. It was prepared, therefore for a burglary which occurred late one evening, and two of the embassy staff, who were permanently on guard, turn and turn about, caught two men red-handed who were ransacking the safe.

Since they had completely disregarded neat piles of banknotes,

CLEANLINESS A DANGER?

Interesting Theory by American Professor.

OPPOSITE EXTREME.

Indianapolis, Nov. 5. Man's attempt to live down the fact that he is the dirtiest of animals has caused him to go to the opposite extreme, said Dr. Thurman B. Rice, professor of hygiene in the Indiana University School of Medicine.

"We scrub ourselves so clean that we remove the oily bacteria-laden layer which is the natural covering for our bodies and remove ourselves so far from germs that when we accidentally come into contact with them we have built up no resistance and fall easy victims to disease," he said.

"We are continually warned to beware of body odour and to improve our looks and thereby improve our health, but neither odour nor looks has anything to do with hygiene, which is the science of maintaining health." He cited Frederick the Great as an example of a person who, he said, was one of the world's most dynamic figures and lived to an extremely old age in spite of the fact that he went for years without taking a bath.

"Even toothbrushes and tooth-pastes are more to keep the teeth socially acceptable than to prevent decay for, all reports to the contrary, clean teeth do decay," he pointed out. "Animals often have perfect teeth and none of them has ever used a brush or paste."

A moderate amount of dirt is better than to be continually worrying about things being sanitary, he said.—United Press.

KHYBER PASS.

STRICT RULES REGARDING EUROPEAN WOMEN.

Peshawar, Nov. 1. Owing to the present situation in the Tirah, the Khyber Pass has been closed to all visitors by road and rail until further orders.

There are to be no movements of Europeans outside any cantonments by night in the N.-W. Frontier Province.

European women are forbidden to travel on any road in Peshawar district except the Grand Trunk and Nowshera-Malakand roads, and on these roads they must have a European male escort. They must not use these roads after 2 p.m.

European women riding elsewhere than in cantonments and on the racecourse, must have a European male escort, who must be armed.

Except between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. the Frontier road from Jamrud road to Matani will be closed to traffic, except under special circumstances. No Europeans are permitted to pass Almal Chabutra after 3 p.m. European passing Almal Chabutra after this hour are liable to be detained there for the night.

but packed up the thick bundles of documents which the safe contained as well, it was clear that "the papers" of melodrama were their quarry. But Baron von Neurath had stuffed dummy documents into the cases long ago, and no political secrets were likely to fall into anybody's hands. Carabinieri and police commissioners arrived to protect the Embassy and remove the offenders, but were met with the icy remark that Germany's ambassador dealt with the Italian Foreign Office only. Nor did General del Bono, highest official of public safety, who arrived next day in person, accomplish anything further. Again the Baron refused to hand over the would-be thieves. Not till midday came and the Italian Foreign Office sent officials to take the offenders in charge, did he permit them to leave.

Under von Neurath the German Embassy in London is likely to be more a political than an artistic centre. Economists and financiers are preferred to writers and artists. But this has not prevented the German colony in Rome from renewing its pre-War gaieties.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/1 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/1 1/4
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/1 1/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/1 13/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/1 15/16
On Paris—	
On demand	675
Credits, 4 months' sight	715
On New York—	
On demand	26 9/16
Credits, 60 days' sight	27 11/16
On Bombay—	
Wire	73 3/4
On demand	73 3/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	73 3/4
On demand	73 3/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	47 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	53 3/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	75.77
Dollar	5 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	53 3/4
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/1 1/4
Silver (per oz.)	14 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	4% prem. nom.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.62 1/2
New York	485 9/16
Brussels	34.76 1/2
Geneva	125.04 1/2
Amsterdam	12.06
Milan	34.76 1/2
Berlin	20.38 1/2
Stockholm	18.11 1/4
Copenhagen	18.16 1/4
Oslo	18.16 1/4
Vienna	34.49 1/2
Prague	163 3/4
Helsingfors	103
Madrid	46.40
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	4 1/2
Buenos Aires	35
Montevideo	35 1/2
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Shanghai	1/5
Hong Kong	1/1 1/4
Yokohama	2/0 17/32
Silver Spot	14 1/4
Silver Forward	14 7/16

—British Wireless Service.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for January 1931, (Standard time of the 12th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

Jan.	Sunrise	Sunset
1	7.03	5.50
2	7.03	5.51
3	7.04	5.51
4	7.04	5.52
5	7.04	5.53
6	7.04	5.53
7	7.05	5.54
8	7.05	5.55
9	7.05	5.56
10	7.05	5.57
11	7.05	5.57
12	7.05	5.58
13	7.05	5.58
14	7.05	5.59
15	7.05	5.60
16	7.05	5.60
17	7.05	5.61
18	7.05	5.62
19	7.05	5.62
20	7.05	5.63
21	7.05	5.64
22	7.05	5.64
23	7.05	5.65
24	7.05	5.65
25	7.05	5.66
26	7.04	5.67
27	7.04	5.68
28	7.04	5.69
29	7.04	5.70
30	7.03	5.71
31	7.03	5.71

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 31st Dec., 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1760	...	1760	...	Dec.	Interim 25 cts a/c 1930 ex. 1/31—\$44.45 Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	17 1/2	Dec.	Interim 17 cts free 1/31 ex. 1/31—\$44.45 Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C.	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Interim 20 cts a/c 1930 less 1/31—\$44.45 Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	115	...	...	...	Dec.	25 cts for 1929 Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1240	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 27 cts for 1929 Interim 25 cts a/c 1930—\$44.45 May 25, 30
Union Ins.	515	525	...	...	Dec.	Final 15 cts for 1929 Interim 25 cts a/c 1930—\$44.45 May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	920	930	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	400	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 15 cts for 1929 Interim 25 cts a/c 1930—\$44.45 May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	1225	...	...	...	Dec.	247 cts for 1929 Mar. 28, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	...	28 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 Mar. — 30
H. K. Steamboats	...	...	...	30 1/2	Dec.	125 cts ex. 1/31 on preferred for 1929 Jan. 19, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	40	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 Pending
" (Def.)	...	...	...	24	Dec.	Interim 25 cts for 1930 (Free 1/31 ex. 1/31—\$44.45) Mar. 1, 30
Shell Transports	...	...	73 1/2	...	Dec.	21-50 for 1929
Union Waterboats	...	39	...	...	Dec.	
Mining.						
Benguet	...	...	...	11.10	Dec.	Interim 15 bonus 5 making 20 cts a/c 1930 (Free 1/31 ex. 1/31—\$44.45) Sept. — 30
Kailan Mining Ad. 1/2	...	...	...	23 1/2	June	Dec. — 30
Langkat	...	...	...	8 1/2	Oct.	Interim 15 cts for 1929 May — 30
Shai Exploration	...	...	...	...	Dec.	None
" Loans	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 15 cts a/c 1930 July — 30
*Raua	...	...	...	...	Mar.	Interim 15 cts a/c 1930 Dec. — 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	179 1/2	...	178 1/2	...	Dec.	25 cts for 1929 Mar. — 30
H. K. & W. Docks	30	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
South Ch. Motors	...	...	10	...	Dec.	
*China Provident (old)	260	...	260	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
(new)	260	...	...	...	Dec.	
Hongkong	...	...	28 1/2	...	Dec.	Interim 15 cts a/c 1930 Sept. 19, 30
N. Engineering	...	...	7.10	...	Dec.	T. 50 for 1929 T. 7 for year 20-25 July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	117	...	...	...	Apr.	T. 7 for year 20-25
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	...	12 1/2	12.50	40	Dec.	50 cts for 1929 Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old)	...	8 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Interim 25 cts a/c 1930 Aug. 8, 30
(new)	...	8 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Interim 25 cts a/c 1930 July 31, 30
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...	Dec.	8 cts for 1929 May 7, 30
Humphreys (Cum Rn.)	17.50	17.70	17.70	...	Dec.	Interim 30 cts a/c 1930 Sept. 4, 30
H. K. Realists	...	...	...	...	Dec.	25 cts for 1929 July 21, 30
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...	Dec.	
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	11.00	...	...	...	Dec.	Final T. 5 a/c 1929 Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	...	79 1/2	Dec.	T. 2-25 for half year 21-30 Nov. 29, 30
Zoong Sings	...	...	...	9 1/2	Dec.	T. 0-90 for year 20-25 Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	18	...	18	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cts a/c 1930 Aug. 27, 30
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	14 1/2	...	Apr.	50 cts on old for year 20-25 on new 25-30 June 16, 30
(new)	...	...	8 1/2	...	Dec.	50 cts for 1929 Feb. 14, 30
Star Ferries	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 60 cts a/c 1930-35-30 Feb. 15, 30
*China Light	...	...	25.50	...	Dec.	25.50 for 1929 Mar. 19, 30
H. K. Electric	...	51 1/2	...	...	Dec.	
Macao	...	...	25	...	June	None
Sandakan Light	...	12	...	...	Dec.	Int. 10 cts a/c 1930 Aug. 1, 30
H. K. Tel. fully paid	...	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 50 for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
China Buses	...	...	19.60	...	Dec.	1/4 on preference shares Subject to income tax Feb. 6, 30
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	...	...	7.10	...	Sept.	
(Pref.)	...	...	10/-	...	Dec.	
Industrial.						
China Sugars	...	...	...	80 cts	...	In liquidation
Malacca Sugars	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Pa. 3 for 1929 Apr. 11, 30
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	...	10 1/2	Dec.	(T. 0-90 1/2 months 1929) Apr. 30, 30
Canton Ice	...	...	...	...	July	None
*Canebrs (com.)	17 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	(30 cents on old 1/2 for 1929 10 cents on new) Mar. 19, 30
(new)	12 1/2	...	...	5.20	Dec.	
H. K. Ropes	11.35	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old)	25 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	21-50 for 1929 Mar. 14, 30
(new)	23 1/2	...	...	...	Opt.	70 cents for year 21-25 Mar. 31, 30
Wanons	19 1/2	...	...	...	...
Der A Wings	...	...	1	...	...
Lane Crawford	...	...	3.70	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 25-29
Mackinnons	19	...	...	...	Feb.	25 for year 23-29 May 15, 30
Sinceres	18 1/2	...	...	...	...
Wm. Powells	...	...	2.85	...	Feb.	25 cents for year 23-29 June 14, 30
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amuseurs	23	...	25-50 on preferred for year 21-25 on deferred 21-25 Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment	19 1/2	Dec.	None
H. K. Construction	4.80	Dec.	
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H. K. Govt. Loans	

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7 p.m.—European Programme
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7-8 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Mississippi Suite (F. Grofte),
Paul Whiteman and His
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Humorous Song—
A Bedtime Story.
Wish Wynne (2789).

Organ Solo—
Make Believe from "Show Boat",
Why Do I Love? from "Show Boat",
Edward O'Henry (2802).

Humorous Song—
If I Didn't Miss You,
I've Always Wanted to Call You
My Sweetheart.
Gracie Fields (2914).

Pianoforte Solo—
She's Funny That Way,
Wake Up and Dream.
Carroll Gibbons (3031).

Humorous Song—
Don't Criticise,
Does My Sweetie Care for Me?
Leslie Sarony with Ukulele
(2951).

Humorous Song—
Another Bedtime Story "Cinderella",
Wish Wynne (3127).

Orchestral—
Apache Dance (Offenbach),
The Swallow (Savandoli),
Victor Solor Orchestra
(21055).

8-9 p.m.—Concert Items.
Orchestral—
Salut D'Amour (Elgar),
I Kiss Your Lips (Rudolph),
Marek Weber and His
Orchestra (2093).

Song—
Nobody Else (A. A. Penn),
Frances Alda, Soprano
(1148).

Song—
Sigh No More Ladies (Stevens),
Derek Oldham, Tenor (2593).

Violin Solo—
Deep in My Heart, Dear
(From the Student Prince),
Indian Love (From Rosemarie),
F. Kreisler (1151).

Song—
A Maori Slumber Song,
Walata Maori,
Frances Alda, Soprano
(1330).

Song—
I Know of Two Bright Eyes
(Clatsam),
Derek Oldham, Tenor
(2870).

Violin Solo—
Rondo (Schubert-Friedberg),
Jascha Heifetz (0591).

Song—
Sleep Little Baby of Mine
(Denne),
Hulda Lashanska, Soprano
(1085).

Organ Solo—
Festive Medley,
Reginald Foort (2359).

Song—
Home Sweet Home,
Marion Talley, Soprano
(1146).

Organ Solo—
Piece Heroique (Cesar Franck),
Marel Dupre (0121).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

9-9.30 p.m.—Band and Organ
Selections.
The Mikado—Selections (Sullivan),
The Band of H.M. Coldstream
Guards (2354).

The Bells of St. Mark (Rimmer),
Semper Fidelis March (Sousa),
The Band of H.M. Coldstream
Guards (2647).

Chelsea Fayre,
Londonderry Air
(arr. Stewart Archer),
Reginald Goss-Custard,
Organist (2376).

Wee Macgregor's Polka (Amers),
Policeman's Holiday (Swine),
The Band of H.M. Coldstream
Guards (2624).

9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Pro-
gramme.

Fox Trot—
The Mug Song,
Anchors Aweigh (22424).

There's Happiness Over the Hill
Shoo the Hoo Doo Away (22430).

Betty Co-ed (22473).

Slow Fox Trot—
Dark Night (22420).

Waltz—
Together,
Fox Trot—
Dear, on a Night Like This, (21213).

Ro-Ro-Rollin' Along,
Kiss Me with Your Eyes (22417).

Slow Fox Trot—
If I Had a Girl Like You,
Fox Trot—
Kitty from Kansas City (22419).

The Verdict is Life,
Romancing (22412).

Mysterious Mose (22411).

Slow Fox Trot—
To-morrow is Another Day,
Fox Trot—
Looking for the Lovelight in
the Dark (22501).

My Baby Just Care for Me,
A Girl Friend of a Boy Friend
of Mine (22499).

Waltz—
My Heart Belongs to the Girl
Who Belongs to Somebody
Else (22435).

Fox Trot—
When Love Comes in the Moon-
light,
We're on the Highway to Heaven,
(22500).

Fox Trot—
F'r Instance,
Slow Fox Trot—
Lonely (22494).

Fox Trot—
Dixiana,
Mr. & Mrs. Sipp (22472).

Only Human After All,
Out of Breath (22481).

Nobody Cares if I'm Blue,
Waltz—
The Kiss Waltz (22462).

Fox Trot—
Bones are For-get-me-nots,
If You Didn't Care for Me,
(22477).

Swinging in a Hammock,
Cheer Up (22453).

There's a Tear for Every Smile
Yan Howard (22488).

You Darlin' (22488).

My Sweetheart, Brenado,
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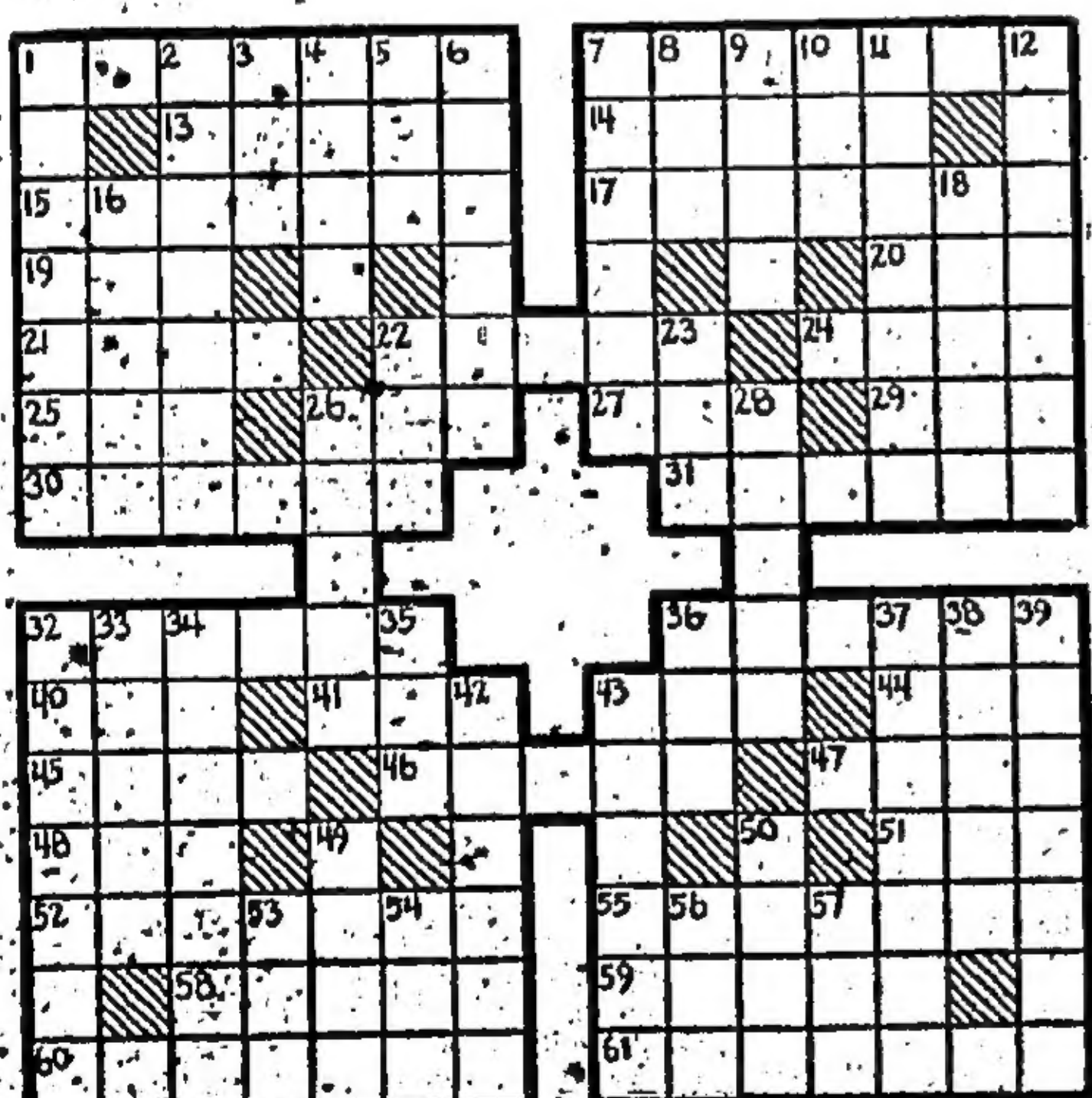
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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1-To alleviate</p> <p>7-City of Florence, Italy</p> <p>13-Member of cat family</p> <p>14-A magistrate of old Rome</p> <p>15-The height of a man</p> <p>17-Of greatest height</p> <p>19-River in India</p> <p>20-Female deer</p> <p>21-A single thing</p> <p>22-To begin</p> <p>24-To make (adjective)</p> <p>25-A sign of the zodiac, the lion</p> <p>26-Twice (Latin)</p> <p>27-The sun</p> <p>28-A compass point</p> <p>30-A ship that carries all</p> <p>31-Pitched</p> <p>32-Staid</p> <p>33-A punishment</p> <p>34-Possessive pronoun</p> <p>35-Growling</p> <p>36-Grassy surface</p> <p>37-Gift's name</p> <p>38-Greek god of war</p> <p>39-A sharp sword</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>47-A broken tooth</p> <p>48-Prize-wrong</p> <p>51-Ending of present participle</p> <p>52-A communication</p> <p>53-The nobility</p> <p>54-The east wind</p> <p>55-Girl's name</p> <p>56-To right, as a wrong</p> <p>57-Name of thirteen Egyptian monarchs</p> <p>VERTICAL</p> <p>1-To attack with violence</p> <p>2-To place in position</p> <p>3-Out (8 & 10 D.)</p> <p>4-Cilla and fever</p> <p>5-European country (abbr.)</p> <p>6-Bulldog</p> <p>7-Stenches</p> <p>8-Highest mountain in Asia</p> <p>9-Small stream of water</p> <p>10-An old measure of length</p> <p>11-Sewing implement</p> <p>12-Went in</p> <p>13-Worm</p> <p>14-To plunge into liquid</p> <p>22-A knight's title</p> <p>23-Small child</p> <p>24-Strikes repeatedly</p> <p>25-Hed affluence for</p> <p>30-One who shams</p> <p>33-Weird</p> <p>34-Put clothes on</p> <p>35-To consume</p> <p>36-Sharp explosive noise</p> <p>37-Natives of India</p> <p>38-An orangutan</p> <p>39-Weapons for stabbing</p> <p>42-Constrain by force or fear</p> <p>43-To smile in a silly manner</p> <p>44-Naked</p> <p>45-Tiller of a boat</p> <p>53-Prize-same as super</p> <p>54-Short for Augustus</p> <p>55-Highest note of suldo's scale</p> <p>57-Large lake in Ireland</p> |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Friday's Mail along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

G.B.S. STILL BLOWS TRUMPET.

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200 BRASS BANDS.

I hope you were not alarmed if you saw the Crystal Palace quivering, and heard sounds like this coming from it—

Ferrum-puff-puff! Grum-wumpetty-bang! Compah-ompah!

It was only the sound of the 200 brass bands who have brought their trombones, tubas and other weapons to the National Band Festival, writes an Evening News correspondent in mail week. According to the latest reports the foundations of the Crystal Palace are still standing the strain well, and it has not been found necessary yet to grout the pillars.

It was the biggest "blow" of the year.

The music was not the only big noise at the festival. Mr. George Bernard Shaw arrived at noon, and listened to the test piece which Sir Edward Elgar has dedicated to him.

Mr. Shaw, who has been accused sometimes of blowing his own trumpet, blew Sir Edward's this time. "I am very proud of the fact that the greatest master of music in the world has dedicated this work to me," he said.

"Elgar is a master of stupendous tone without noise. He is a musician who really knows how to use syncopation. Many bands do not know the real meaning of the word."

Mr. Shaw paused. He listened to the sonorous melody of the piece "The Severn Suite." Mr. Shaw, for several minutes, was silent.

A Gorgeous Array. Do not imagine that the 5,000 brass bandmen take this battle lightly. Most of them had travel-

led all through the night from distant towns and villages, with 50,000 brass band "fans" to support, and by 7 a.m. they were in the streets around the Crystal Palace, having a trial gallop over the course.

Hundreds of households were awakened by the music of Wagner, played outside their windows.

"Oompah!" said the tubas. "Grump, grump," said the trombones.

Looking out of their windows, whole families saw the working-men musicians from Glasgow and Tredgar and Brynmawr and other homes of melody standing in circles and blowing for all they were worth.

There is no other sight in the pageant of London quite like the Crystal Palace on Brass Band day. All the bandmen have to wear uniform, and the massed gold braid and peacock-coloured trousers would have made a Drury Lane producer turn green with envy.

There were bands that looked like a collection of lion-tamers, and bands so gorgeous that they might have been mistaken for cinema commissioners, and bands which were just like the nobility of the Austrian court in the palm days of the Empire: red bands, green bands, blue bands and purple bands.

And mingling among them one heard snatches of talk like this:

"Ay, tha knows, the tempo were too fast, so I said to auld Joe . . ."

"Look you, man, this trombone is the best in the world, yes, indeed. In Wales the trombones . . ."

There were 19 London bands, all blowing for the honour of the Metropolis. One of them was a Boys' Brigade band.

No Women Players. I asked one of the bandmen whether there were any women players. He looked quite shocked, and said: "Good heavens, no!"

"Why not?" I demanded.

"There never have been any," he said.

"But surely women would improve a band's staying-power," I insisted. "Do you deny that women have great lung-power?"

"No," he admitted.

"Then why not allow them to play?"

He fingered his cornet in an embarrassed sort of way. "All I can say is that it is a tradition," he muttered, and went quickly away.

And lastly I ask your sympathy for the judges. They have been cooped up in tents all day, guarded by the police, and have been listening to the same piece played over and over again. Is there no Society for the Prevention of cruelty to Judges?

The King's Good Wishes. In response to a message of loyalty from "thousands of working-men musicians," the King's private secretary wired to the Crystal Palace.

"It has given the King much pleasure to receive once again the loyal and devoted assurances of the working-men musicians assembled at their annual festival. His Majesty sincerely thanks them and sends his best wishes for a successful meeting."

THEATRE RECORD.

"MRS. FRASER" OUTDOES "BUNTY."

The record for long runs in the Haymarket Theatre, London, which has a tradition extending over 200 years, is held by Mr. St. John Ervine's comedy, "The First Mrs. Fraser," which by November 1 had occupied the theatre for seventy weeks. Previously the record was held by "Bunty Pulls the Strings," which ran for sixty-nine weeks and three days.

NOVEL APPOINTMENT.

Director Of Religious Drama.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell) has appointed Mr. E. Martin Browne, M.A., as Director of Religious Drama in the Diocese of Chichester.

This is the first appointment of the kind made in England. The duties were indicated by the Bishop's Chaplain in an interview.

"The object of the appointment," he stated, "is that the director may encourage the production in parishes all over the diocese of religious plays as a means of edification, instruction and enjoyment."

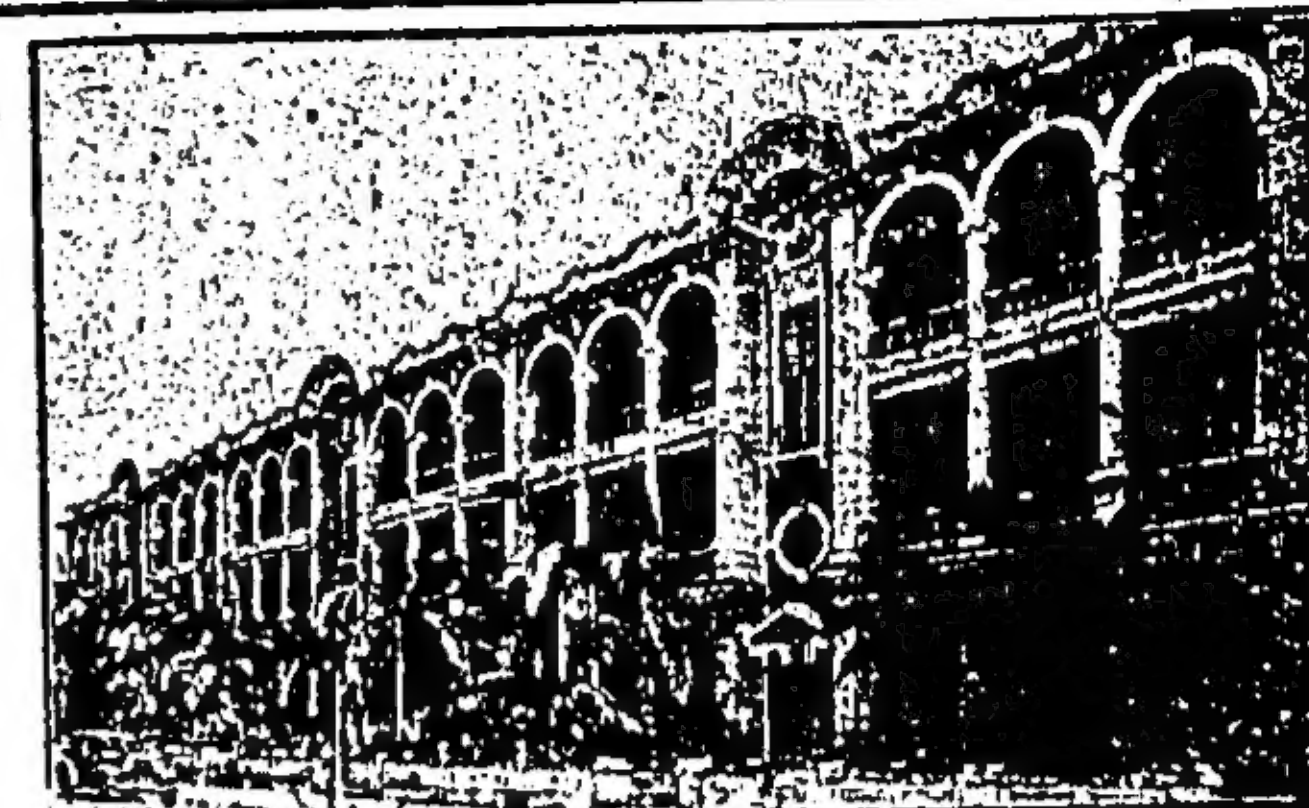
"He will be expected to go about and lecture on the production of plays, to give advice as to the kind of play, the method of production, lighting, the best plays, and so forth. No play will be allowed in a church except with the express permission of the Bishop." One of the plays of the kind contemplated he added, would be produced shortly in Eastbourne.

It was Dr. Bell who as Dean of Canterbury, asked Mr. John Massfield to write the mystery play "The Coming of Christ," which was performed in Canterbury Cathedral at Wilsauntide, 1928.

Mr. Martin Browne is a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford. For the past three years he has been Professor of Diction and Dramatic Art at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, U.S.A. (the leading school of drama in the United States).

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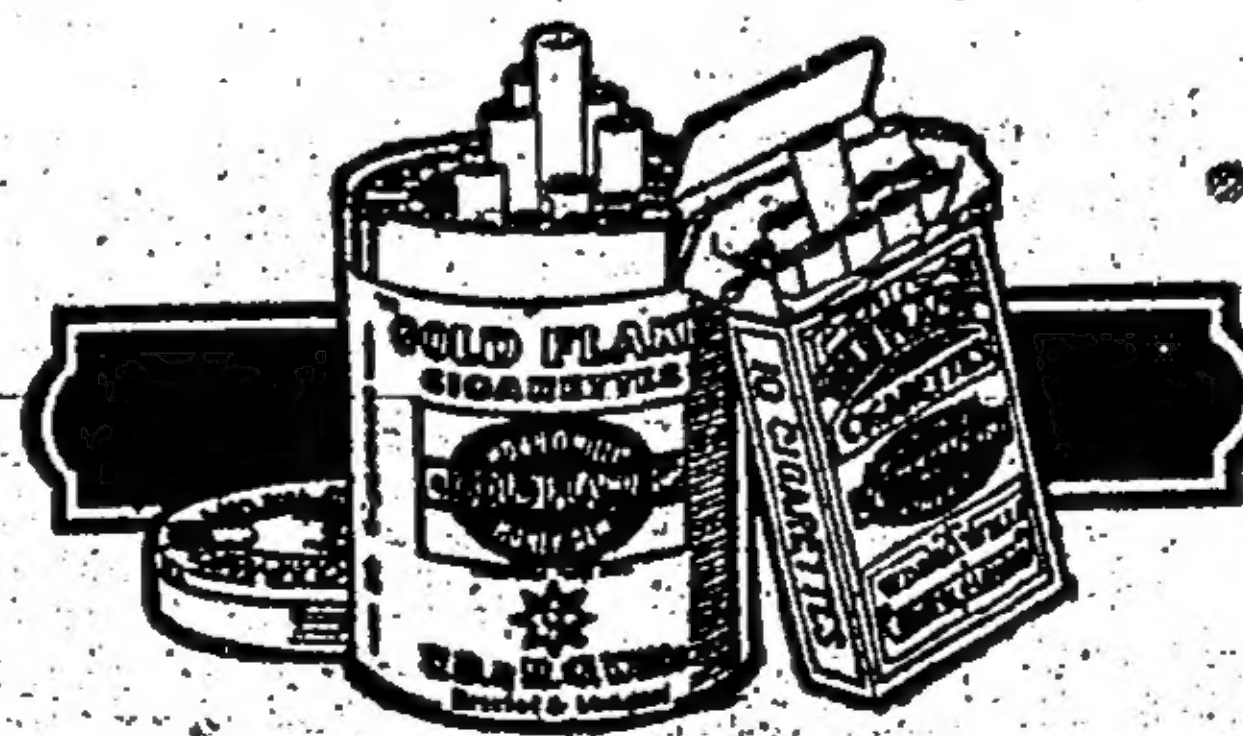
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RAND MINE BATTLE.

1,000 NEGROES JOIN IN TRIBAL FIGHT.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.
Four natives were killed and 30 injured in the renewed fighting on the Randfontein estates, in which 1,000 Basutos and Pondoos participated.—Reuter.

Worst For 25 Years.
Johannesburg, Yesterday.
Four have been killed and 75 injured in a tribal fight which broke out between Basutos and Pondoos on the Randfontein Estates Mine. It is believed to be the worst fight that has occurred in the West Rand for a quarter of a century.

The fighting began on Christmas Day and is still going on, in spite of the arrival of mounted and foot police.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT EXPORTS.

FIGURES DOUBLED DURING THE YEAR.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In spite of the worst conditions of depression, Britain has during the year doubled her aircraft exports.

Foreign Powers have placed several orders in England for the latest military machines of the interceptor fighter class, of which two types have been developed during the year. They are designed to intercept fast day and night bombers, are capable of speeds exceeding 200 miles an hour, and possess a remarkably rapid rate of climb.

Another factor in the increased aircraft export trade has been the popularity of the efficient light aeroplanes. Aircraft experts also declare that the Handley Page 42-seater machines, which have been built for the Cape Town service, are three years ahead of their rivals in comfort, accommodation, performance and economy.—British Wireless Service.

BAN ON IMMIGRANTS

RESTRICTION URGED IN AUSTRALIA.

Canberra, Yesterday.
The Government has decided to restrict alien immigration until the country's economic position has improved.

Apart from Britons, only immigrants possessed of permits from the Government will be permitted to land.

Tourists and business visitors are not affected.—Reuter.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships, 4.45 p.m.

CRICKET—New Year's Day—H.K.C.C. v. Navy; University, Past v. Present.
Saturday—Division I.—Civil Service v. Indian R.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Navy (F.); Division II.—Recreio v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Civil Service (L.); University v. Kowloon C.C. (F.); R.A.S.C. v. Diocesan Boys' School (F.); Police v. Royal Signals (L.).

GOLF—To-morrow to Friday—H.K.C.C. New Year's Meeting.
January 14.—Match between "Wild Bill" McIlhenn and Bobby Cruickshank, Fanling, 2.30 p.m.

FANLING HUNT—To-day—Kennels, 3.15 p.m.
New Year's Day—Point-to-Point; Meet at Potts's Bungalow, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY—Hunters' Arms.
Wednesday—Potts's Bungalow.
January 11—Lok Ma Chau cross-roads.

January 14—Sheung Shui Police Station.
January 17—Kennels.
January 21—Hunters' Arms.
January 25—17 Pine Tree Hill, 20 1/2/30 milestone.

January 28—Race Course.
January 31—Sun Wai Camp.

FOOTBALL—New Year's Day—League v. The Services (Charity Match).
Saturday—First Division—Royal Artillery v. Navy; Chinese Athletic v. Club; Police v. Argyle; Recreio v. South China; Kowloon v. St. Joseph's; Second Division—Navy v. Argyle; Borderers v. St. Joseph's; University v. Club; Eastern v. Chinese Athletic; Recreio v. South China; Kowloon v. Royal Artillery; Third Division—Borderers v. R.A.S.C.; Fukien v. Royal Engineers; R.A.O.C. v. South China; Royal Air Force v. Chinese Athletic.

HOCKEY—Saturday—England v. Scotland (Ladies), 3.30 p.m.

TENNIS—January 11—U.S.R.C. Tournament—First Rounds Close.
January 19—U.S.R.C. Tournament—Second Rounds Close.

RACING—January 18—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
February 15—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

ANOTHER WAR?

CHANG FAT-KWEI ON THE ACTIVE LIST.

Peking, Yesterday.
Chinese reports state that Chang Fat-kwei and Pei Chung-hsi, with an army, have entered Yunnan with the object of linking up with Tang Chi-yu, a brother of the former Governor, Tang Chi-yao, and Hu Jo-yu, former Civil Governor, in order to overthrow the present provincial authorities.

Military movements are reported to be proceeding in the region of Kunming.

Some Chinese circles suggest that the reactionaries hope to obtain support from other elements hostile to Nanking in Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuan.—Reuter.

TIN INDUSTRY.

F.M.S. GOVERNMENT TO ACT.

Singapore, Yesterday.
The Senior Warden of Mines of the Federated Malay States has circulated tin producers stating that the Government is prepared to legislate in order to give effect to the international tin restriction scheme, provided public opinion is generally favourable.

This will entail control of output to 78 per cent. of the 1929 production.—Reuter.

TURKISH REVOLT.

BANNERS SEIZED FROM THE MOSQUES.

Constantinople, Yesterday.
The Government has ordered the seizure of religious banners with inscriptions from the Koran, usually stored in mosques. It is apparently feared that they might be used to fire the fanaticism of the masses in the event of a popular outbreak.—Reuter.

[A previous message stated that already there had been a big round up of suspects and that over a thousand arrests had been made by the authorities at Menemen, Magnesia, Konia, Smyrna, Samsun and elsewhere, those taken into custody including Sheikhs, dervishes and Imams and a number of women. A whole battalion of troops whose loyalty was suspected had been interned. The Government activities followed the recent revolt at Menemen, in which several persons were killed. The revolt purported to establish a "religious regime." The authorities believe that the revolt was not an isolated incident, but the first phase of a vast conspiracy aimed at the overthrowing of the Kemalist regime in Turkey.]

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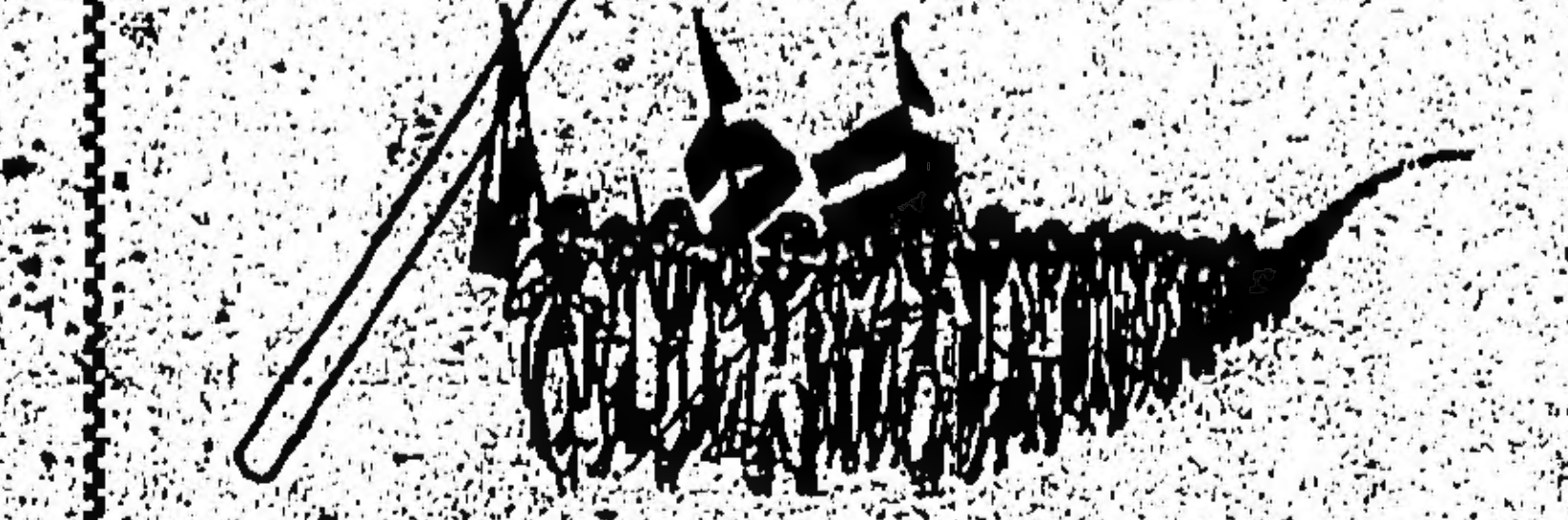
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